

CAMERA NEWS



Beauty Crown Falls on Girl Reporter



Central Press Photo

After having written-up beauty contests until she was weary of them, Miss Victoria Swanson, Wichita, Kan., newspaperwoman, was chosen by artists and photographers as the prettiest red-haired girl in Kansas.

"Soul Not for the Devil"

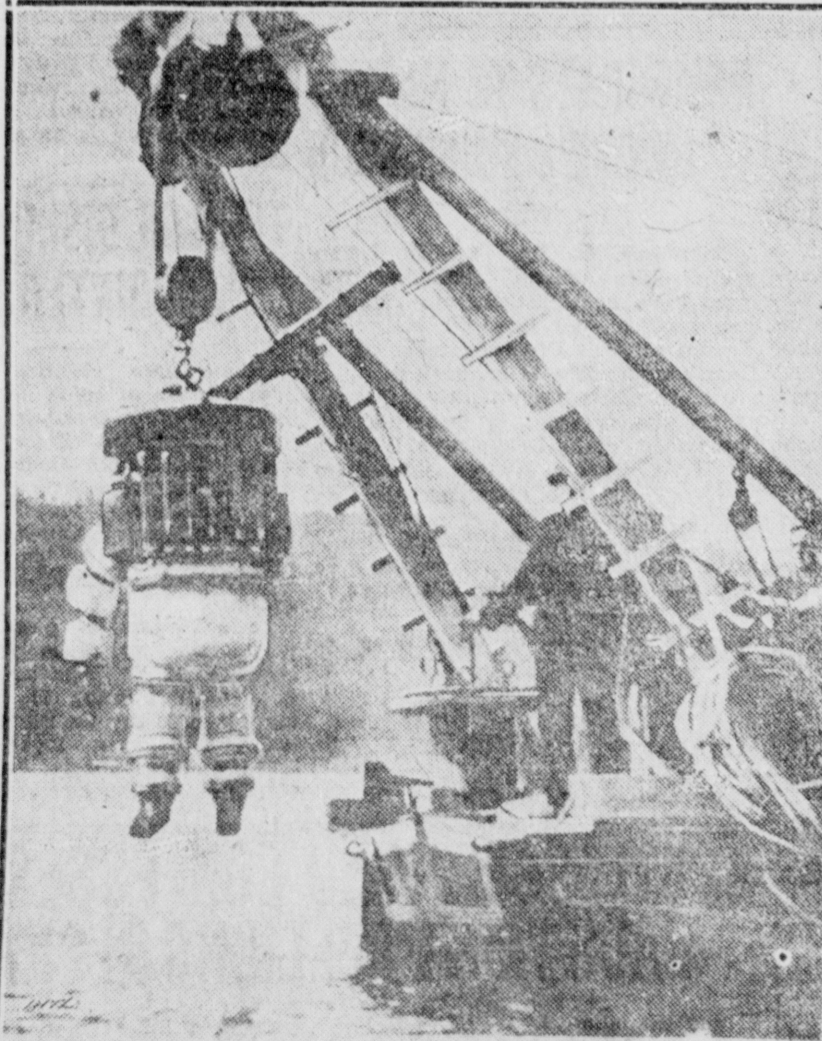


No devil can buy my soul, because he hasn't got enough money. This soul is of divine origin and cannot be purchased. - 1917. 25 November. N. Y. Feodor Chaliapin

FEODOR CHALIAPIN

Feodor Chaliapin, famous basso, prides himself in looking and acting like the devil in "Faust" and "Mephistopheles" on the stage. But he insists that Satan has no mortgage on his soul for foreclosure after death. This is his answer to Moscow reports that he had sold his soul to the devil.

German Divers Aid Britons



SEEKING LOST ON BRITISH SUBMARINE

In their special diving apparatus, German experts worked to reach the British submarine M-1, which sank with more than sixty officers and men in the North Sea.

Clothes Smart Society Women Are Wearing



Park Avenue, New York's fashionable street, is thronged during the bright winter afternoons with members of the socially elect. The very latest in costumes and furs is displayed. At the left above is Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas, of New York, wearing a smart suit with box pleats in the skirt and handsome fox fur. In the center, Mrs. Joshua S. Cosden, also of New York society, displays a handsome fur coat, and right, Miss Lusy Wright, of Buffalo, was snapped while wearing a leopard trimmed wrap.

Wide Skirts Distinguish Lace and Velvet Frocks



One of distinguishing features of new evening frocks is the wide skirt, irrespective of the material used. Thus the frock of gold lace (left) has a full circular skirt with an underskirt edged in old blue and rose velvet. Gold and crystal beads ornament neck, sleeve lines and front and a large velvet flower of rose and blue is posed at the waist. A wide double skirt is also used on the cerise work done by Opal Cobe, who, after working in overalls for four years on the family farm to support herself and six others, entered Baylor College, where, as a waitress, she is helping to pay expenses.

Bright Future Seen for Farmers



EARL HOUGHTON, E. O. BRADFUTE, A. C. HARDINGSON, & E. P. TAYLOR

Agricultural interests perked up when President Coolidge, at Chicago, painted the future of the farmer in glowing terms. Four of the leaders in pushing the work of aiding the agriculturists are Earl Houghton, of the California Farm Bureau; O. E. Bradfute, president of the Farm Bureau Federation; A. C. Hardingson and E. P. Taylor.

Is She Engaged to Red Grange?

"I Know Him" Is Her Only Reply



When asked concerning her reported engagement to "Red" Grange, Galloping Ghost of the gridiron, Miss Anne Forrest, leading woman in "Seventh Heaven," playing in Baltimore, simply said: "It is true I know Mr. Grange but I can't talk about my personal affairs." Miss Forrest and inset of Grange

Girl Tills Soil to Pay Tuition



OPAL COBE, INTE.

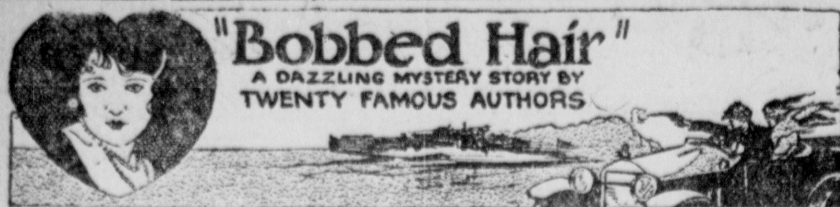
Bell County, Tex., is watching with interest the creditable work done by Opal Cobe, who, after working in overalls for four years on the family farm to support herself and six others, entered Baylor College, where, as a waitress, she is helping to pay expenses.

A Son of His Dad



J. D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. & J. D. ROCKEFELLER, SR.

As John D. Rockefeller, Jr., landed in New York after a tour of Europe, his father, the venerable oil king, arrived at Daytona, Fla., for the winter. As the years drift by the remarkable resemblance of the son to the father grows more striking.



SYNOPSIS
From David Lacy's farm home on Long Island, Aunt Celimena, Connemara Moore and Bing Carlington set out in Lacy's car to return to auntie's Connecticut home. On the way to the shore they overtake Saltonstall Adams, still wearing the fancy costume he put on for last night's ball. Connemara was to have announced her engagement to either Bing or Salt but has become greatly interested in David. Aunt Celimena has a premonition that more adventures are ahead for the entire party.

By George Agnew Chamberlain

CHAPTER XVIII
It can be imagined that Moorelands, under its long virginal regency, had not been much given to indiscriminate hospitality. In spite of the outcrop of sporting blood in Aunt Celimena, she was still a victim of that high voltage New England reticence which senses a sort of violation in having unattached gentlemen sleeping on the place. As for the presence of Sweetie, that was simply more and worse of the same thing. Never would Aunt Celimena forget or forgive the shock of finding one of her own sex wearing male attire, not in the shimmering spirit of a fancy dress ball, but as if she gloried in its opportunities for unmaidenly display. Could the unwilling hostess have had her way, she would have locked Sweetie in the cellar.

Nevertheless, in spite of all the varieties of tension which troubled its inmates, the house finally settled down to an exaggerated calm. A palpitating stillness which was harder on the nerves than any amount of noise teased Connemara with the illusion of peace. Her



The next instant she was again sitting rigidly erect, staring into the shadows of the room.

common sense told her there was no reason whatever why sleep should not come swiftly to her exhausted body, and yet, for what seemed hours on end, sleep played around like a tormenting demon, always just out of reach of her snapping eyelids. She tried to calm herself by thinking how good it was to be safely back in her own room, and instantly her mind was more awake than ever. In all seriousness, she asked herself this double-barreled question: Was she back in her own room, or had she never been away?

Her thoughts began to race and presently became a jumble, a kaleidoscope with a thousand points of light blazing against the immovable seer background of Aunt Celimena. Never had that background changed. Pattering against it like the toy torpedoes of childhood on a wall, rained and burst all the events of her life. Ping! her first and only spanking. Pong! Auten! and David Lacy's handsome face, glowing for an instant in the blaze. Boom! and the strange marriage contract. Bang! and she an immaculate nun, stepping into a high powered motor car of foreign make at the mercy of a strangely fascinating young man.

And yet there was one sweet interlude which lived in memory as an indubitable fact. Never would she forget the blessed relief of plunging into the black waters of the Sound, of squirming out of her new-made slip, and finding herself swimming freely in her silk undies, unafraid and unashamed. Before her had shone a pilot light, a head of hair as red as her own.

At the thought of hair, she sat

erect and put up her hands to her head. The face of the New York barber leered before her, reminding her that whether she was awake or dreaming she still had a secret to keep. She tried to remember if she had locked her door. She arose, went to it, found that she had turned the key, and started to return to bed; but so dilated were the pupils of her wakeful eyes that she was arrested by the sight of the familiar objects in the room, coming toward her as if out of a mist. Impulsively she walked to the triple mirror and stood before it. How slim and virginal appeared the straight shaft of her body, shining through the filmy drapery of her sheerest chiffon nightgown! It seemed so young, so unsullied, surely only in the tortured twistings of a disordered mind had it been exposed to the post-Volsteadian night life of Long Island Sound!

Gradually she perceived her uncovered head. What if she should, in the morning, open the door to her aunt or a tattling maid without remembering to guard her secret? There was a long linen runner on the bureau. She snatched it, bound it around her head, and tied a great butterfly bow above her brows. The confection, which looked like one of those wet-me-not bathing caps you see at Deauville, was almost as fetching as had been the turban before its ruin.

Her mind at rest, she slipped back into bed, drew the sheet up to her chin, and snuggled her face into the pillow. Now, cradled in the memories of her girlhood, soothed by contact with the homely objects she had known all her life—the ponderous mahogany furniture, the ancient, hooked rug, her little four-posted bed with its fluted pillars, the patched quilt folded over its foot—she could believe she had never been through the torment of the foregoing night. In fact, its events seemed more than ever improbable. She closed her eyes sleepily, her lips curved in an adorable childlike smile, and she drew a contented sigh. The next instant she was again sitting rigidly erect, staring into the shadows of the room.

A sound only half heard can be more terrifying than a near-by explosion, and it was such a sound, faint and ominous as the ticking of a death watch in the wall, that had galvanized Connemara into a sitting posture. She held her breath and listened until her back ached, then she let her head down to the pillow, and listened some more. Yes; she heard it again—a stealthy footstep in the hall or somewhere in the house below. Someone was striving so intently to walk noiselessly that the faint whisper of a footfall became surcharged with its own threat of disaster until it actually seemed to reverberate in Connemara's ears.

Her impulse was to scream, but she suppressed it. In the first place, as the events of the last twenty-four hours had proved, she was not the kind to scream before she was hurt. In the second place, the thought came to her that perhaps only unnecessary scandal would arise from rousing the whole house. She was by nature innocent, and yet no fool. Her personally conducted tour of the Sound had brought in its train a certain amount of awakening of one sort and another. She had seen modern man fight with gats, butts, and iron bars; she had envisaged his primeval prototypes, grappling as savagely as wild beasts and battling with teeth, gouging knuckles, and stamping heel. But the one thing which had implanted a first mental hazard of fear within her was the look she had trapped in Mr. Pooch's glittering slits of eyes as they gorged themselves on her bared loveliness even while his groping hands were reaching for her throat.

Her first thought was to put more than a filmy chiffon nightgown between herself and the world before she ventured out to meet it. Characteristically enough, she took it for granted that she would creep out, come what may, rather than lie shivering on a warm night with her head under the covers.

She arose, went to a closet, and rummaged in its depth until her fingers encountered a mackintosh. She put it on over her night dress, buttoned it, stole softly to the door, unlocked it, and crept out along the wall. Instantly she felt something like a blown breath fly past her face. She just had time to flatten her back and her outflung hands against the wall when a tremendous Bang! resounded through the house.

(To be continued)

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST

SONG OF A DEPLETED WARDROBE

I am in a dreadful way.
Should I purchase socks today?
Very sadly she will say:
"What is left for Christmas, pray?"
Should I buy myself a tie?
Very sadly she will sigh:
"Neckwear is a foolish buy
When the Christmas time is nigh."
I should like a shirt or two,
But to buy would never do.

NEW JASPER

Mrs. Edward Stephens has been in a serious condition for the last week. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor and family, near Xenia were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fudge. Mrs. Maud Fudge opened her home to members of the Willing Workers

Sunday School Class Wednesday afternoon. A good number of members was present and spent most pleasant afternoon with the hostess. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Baughn and daughter, Miss Grace, entertained for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bickett and baby daughter, Lois; Mr. Muriel Baughn, Mrs. Hazel Mangan of Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. George Hubert of Belmont, Mr. and Mrs. John Shirk.

New Jasper Farm Bureau meeting was held Monday evening in the town ship house with a number of members and their families present. Chairman C. N. Fudge presided and the Rev. M. L. Massie opened the meeting with prayer. J. R. Kimber, new county

agent gave a talk. W. W. Anderson, ex-chairman gave a short talk. Officers were elected as follows: Fred Williamson, chairman; Alonzo Hollingsworth, vice president. After the business session, ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith and family of Xenia were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cam Fudge. Mr. and Mrs. James Fudge were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Fudge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Fields and son, Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Anderson were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shirk.

A cantata will be given Christmas eve, Thursday evening, December 24 at the M. E. Church.

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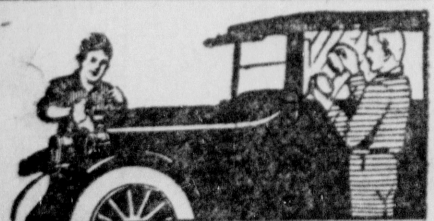
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OPEN EVENINGS

NUT SONGS POPULAR

Youngstown, O., Dec. 17—An era of "nut" songs is sweeping the country, according to Harry Warner, music dealer here. Warner says the music public is going wild over syncopated and rhythmic selections, which in reality are "specy reproductions" of old classical melodies.

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A Christmas Shopping Guide ONLY SIX MORE DAYS



THE WISE MEN

The beckoning rays of the Star of Bethlehem, it's beams portending much that would change world history, drew Three Wise Men from their thrones to the lonely stable where shepherds tending their flocks were witnesses to the birth of a Saviour.

Three Wise Men out of a world of skeptical seekers of the material things—a world that had turned down Mary and Joseph at the doors of the Inns and that committed the birth of a Redeemer to the lowly surroundings of a sheep shelter on that first Christmas morn.

And it came to pass that these Three Wise Men, their camels heavily laden with gifts, were first of the great outside world to worship at the manger where lay the Babe who was to lead the multitudes out of the chaos and point the way to a future reward in Heaven.

From these lowly surroundings there was spread the gospel of "Peace on earth, good will to men", that has served as the guiding slogan that makes the world akin at Christmas time and offers the stimulus to that spirit that uplifts humanity at this season.

It is this spirit that is born into each succeeding generation so that the story of Bethlehem lives anew in the hearts of men, human nature is at its best and the injunction of "good will" starts the fountains of kindness that find expression in the Yuletide giving.

"All the world loves a cheerful giver" and "it is better to give than to receive" are trite expressions only to the person who has never felt the heart-warming sensation that springs from the act of giving. The impulse that urges a good deed and a cheerful gift will find its

material reward at least in the gratitude of the receivers.

And so it is that nineteen hundred and twenty five years after the Nativity, according to our reckoning of time, Wise Men seeking to regain the spirit of Christmas find pleasure in the act of giving at the Christmas-tide. Gold, frankincense and myrr were the gifts of the three original Wise Men for the Saviour who was new born, but civilization and progress has offered to the shopping world now many conveniences and necessities that take the place of these regal gifts in the exchange of presents among fellow-men.

Merchants of Xenia, their stores fairly bulging outward with the stock of merchandise prepared to serve the wants of a gift-seeking people, are listing in the pages of this paper the modern counterparts of the gold, frankincense and myrr which the Kings laid at the feet of the Babe in Bethlehem.

The pages of this paper are therefore an invitation to the shoppers who would make this Christmas real in spirit by being among the blessed who give. Tradesmen are exhibiting their wares in the midst of a buying rush that has no counter-part in trading annals here.

The buying of gifts in itself bears proof that Xenia's Christmas will be a merry one. But, you ask, what of the Wise Men?

They are those shoppers, who, wishing to exercise time and care in the selection of their gifts, seeking to procure the best while stocks are still fresh and solicitous of the welfare of the over-worked clerks, are DOING THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY.

BUSINESS BETTER THAN SUPPOSED IS SAID BY RAIL HEAD

Business conditions throughout the country are not as bad as we are led to suppose after all, according to Colonel F. G. Robbins, of Chicago, Ill., vice president of the Erie Railroad Company, who made an inspection tour of the Southwestern Portland Cement Company plant at Osborn Wednesday.

The plant is one of the largest patrons of the Erie Railroad in this section of the United States.

Following serving of luncheon to the guests in the cement company's club house at 1:30 p.m., the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to discussion of service at the cement plant and railroad affairs.

Chicagoans in the inspection party coming on the special train were: Colonel Robbins, A. M. Breland, freight claim agent; F. D. Austin, freight traffic manager; F. G. Lantz, general freight agent; W. B. Kennedy, general freight and passenger agent, and I. H. Schram, regional engineer.

Other officials meeting the party included: H. R. Adams, Marion, superintendent and agent at Mansfield; C. L. Farrell, Dayton, division freight agent; A. R. Tennis, Marion, division freight agent; C. W. Scott, Marion, division engineer; J. I. Montgomery, Dayton, general yard agent; W. W. Sanderks, Dayton, Erie agent and P. J. Shaugnessy, Marion, trainmaster.

Robbers' Victim



AMELIA BINGHAM

Amelia Bingham, the famous actress, was bound and gagged in her New York home, then robbed of \$1,500 of jewelry. Most of her valuables were unharmed. She picked out the pictures of the robbers in the rogues gallery.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS PROGRESSING

Xenia is keeping step with other cities in the state in the sale of anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals, according to Mrs. Emma McCalmont, chairman. Demand for Christmas seals in Ohio this year has exceeded that of all previous years and indicates a record-breaking sale, according to an announcement by the Ohio Christmas Seal Committee.

Definite reports have not been received for Xenia City as yet by Mrs. McCalmont, but the extent of the sale is suggested by that at McKinley School where pupils purchased the seals 100 percent.

Preliminary reports from most of the 130 state agencies selling the seals show the sale substantially ahead of last year. Forty-four million seals

have been placed in Ohio, the largest number ever allotted to this state. Many of the rural schools to whom seals were sent from the state committee have completed their sales and made their returns.

FAMILY RE-UNITED AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Lisbon, O., Dec. 17—After being separated for nearly a score of years, the family of Mrs. William Pease is almost re-united.

Some twenty years ago, Mrs. Pease was left to care for three small children, following the death of her husband. She was forced to put them in a home, from which all of them were adopted into different families.

Recently Verne Pease, her son, broadcast an appeal for his relatives. His sister and brother responded

and they are now together. But no trace can be found of their mother. The children have searched through thirty-two states for her and now Verne believes he is at last on her trail. He has just learned that his mother, under the name of Mrs. Fay Garlick, has been in Lisbon recently, representing a book company.

JAMESTOWN LOSES TO WASHINGTON 5

The Jamestown Cardinals were defeated by the speedy B. T. U. basketball team of Washington C. H., 32 to 17 in an early week game at the Washington Y. M. C. A.

It was the first game of the season for each team, a fact, which slowed up the game to some extent. Flee, Brown and Clark led the scoring for

the winners and Jerry Toland was the mainstay for the newly organized Cardinals.

Jamestown led at the first quarter 7 to 6 but this lead soon vanished and the half found the B. T. U. five holding a 15 to 9 margin. The Cardinals did better in the third quarter which ended 19 to 16 for Washington. In

the fourth period, the winners drew away, making thirteen points to the Cardinals' one.

TELLS PHILOSOPHY

Youngstown—"Self-culture is the art of becoming more and more sen-

sitively and imaginatively aware of what it is to be a human being on earth. Persons who never get self-culture are those who go through life and never know how crazy it all is." That's the Philosophy of John Cowper Powys, noted English poet, expounded in a lecture here.



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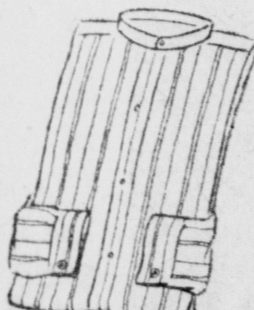
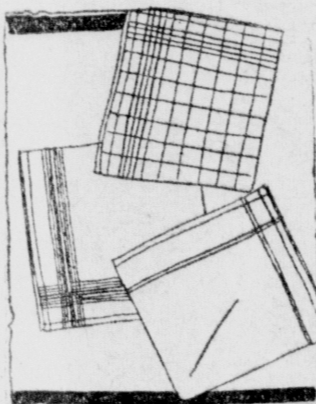
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17-19 WEST MAIN STREET

INCREASED VOLUME OF MAIL INDICATES PLEA IS ANSWERED

If the increased volume of mail pouring into the Xenia Post Office may be taken as an indication, a majority of Xenians are actually complying with the annual request for early mailing of Christmas mail matter, according to Postmaster C. S. Frazer.

The volume of mail now being handled at the post office is greater than for the corresponding period last year, he said. Years ago, according to Postmaster Frazer, people held off until the last two days to mail their gifts but this attitude has been greatly altered in recent years as a majority now see the advantage of prompt delivery through early mailing.

"Eventually—why not now?" is the slogan adopted by the post office. The slogan is never more appropriate than in the postal business during the Christmas holidays, the postmaster points out.

"Everyone intending to observe the spirit of Christmas by sending gifts must mail some time, so why put it off when there is no advantage to be gained," declares Frazer. Many Xenians have not yet completed their mailing but a marked improvement is being shown this year, it is announced.

CLAIMS OF PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG PIKE HAVE BEEN ALLOWED

Total claims of property owners adjacent to the Columbus and Cincinnati Pike in Xenia and Spring Valley Twp., for damages and compensation caused by the proposed remodeling of the pike into a macadam road for a distance of eight and one-half miles, have been allowed by County Commissioners for approximately \$5,000, it is announced.

Forty-four land owners who will have property damaged by the improvement and widening of the road, filed damage claims amounting to more than \$15,000 which were settled for about one-third of that sum.

Principal damages will result from widening the pike several feet on both sides to comply with state highway regulations. Property on both sides must be appropriated by the state, trees will be removed and other damages will be caused by moving back private fences and posts.

The friendly controversy over the abutting property owners damage awards is one of long standing, originating when it was first proposed to remodel the pike.

Contract for the improvement is to be let by the state highway department in Columbus sometime this week but actual work is not expected to begin until next spring when favorable weather conditions permit. The pike is expected to be finished September 1, 1926.

DISPLAY STAR SIX AT XENIA AGENCY

First supply of the new Star Sixes has been received at The Johnston Motor sales, W. Main Street.

The six cylinder car is an innovation in the Star field which has been successful manufacturing fours. The four cylinder will be continued as a part of the line, however.

A car load of the new Sixes are being displayed now with the new Dodge cars, which this concern has taken over and which is announcing a price cut effective soon.

GOVERNESS ROSS REMAINS SERENE



Central Press Photos
Three views of Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, governess of Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 17.—Whatever the nation may decide about the efficiency in office of Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, embattled governess of Texas, the rule in Wyoming of Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross proves, her friends declare, that "petticoat government" can be as clean and efficient as government by the "sterner sex." They proudly point to her record.

Governess Ross initiated her administration by calling on the Wyoming legislature for laws compelling greater economy in local government. She suggested the adoption of a system of county budgets. The suggestion was ignored for a time, but now has been taken up, with a fair chance of adoption.

Her next important step was to block a plan to revise the state banking laws so as to place control of the system in the hands of a commission appointed by bankers. Having won her fight to keep control of the banks she appointed the most efficient state examiner she could find—who happened to be a member of the opposing political party.

Reassesses Oil Lands
Governess Ross startled spectators and opponents alike a few months ago by directing the county attorney of Natrona county to institute removal proceedings against two county commissioners—members of her own political party—who had been charged with irregular expenditures of public funds.

She presided at hearings of charges of corruption and laxity in enforcement of the prohibition law, brought against two county sheriffs, both of whom are members of her own party. She ousted one. The other resigned under fire.

She recently caused a reassessment for tax purposes of the property of several big oil companies, which added \$6,000,000 to the taxable property of the state.

A short time ago she headed a delegation of officials from the upper basin states in the Colorado river compact, who went to Washington to fight against an alleged water power grab, attempted by Arizona interests.

In Another Big Fight
Just now Governess Ross is head-

over-heels in a fight to block the proposed five per cent increase in freight rates for the railroads of the western group.

Mrs. Ross declines to comment on the trials and tribulations through which her only sister governess is passing, on the ground that her official duties have kept her too busy to familiarize herself with the merits and demerits of the storm that beats around "Ma" Ferguson's head.

OSBORN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haerr entertained at an oyster supper on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Buhner and Sergeant and Mrs. Bennett of Wilber Wright Field. The three couples made a tour of the southwestern Portland Cement plant earlier in the day under Mr. Haerr's guidance.

Mr. George Nellett spent Tuesday afternoon in Dayton.

Lawyers Marcus Shoup and Frank Johnson transacted business in Osborn on Monday.

Mr. W. A. Schneider attended a luncheon at the Gibbons Hotel, Dayton, on Monday, given by the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York. Officials from the main office of Ohio at Cleveland, and from the main office at New York were there. They discussed future business. Thirty-two men associated with this company were present.

The Misses Lucile and Charline Haerr entertained the Christian Endeavor of the Reformed Church on Monday evening.

Misses Lena Kendig of Germantown visited Miss Vera Schneider on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. E. Longstreth was shopping in Dayton on Wednesday.

Miss Vera Schneider was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Nellett at dinner on Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Frahn spent Monday in Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fawn Semler of Dayton spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Semler.

Marshall W. A. Schneider transacted business in Xenia Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frolikin and small son, Louis, of New Carlisle were in Osborn on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fair nee Mildred Armstrong are making their home for the present with the Rev. and Mrs. Flemming on Xenia Drive.

Mrs. Earl Fair entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening the girls of the Senior Class of Bath High School of which she was a member until her marriage last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barkman and Dr. C. J. Logsdon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Deffenback of Dayton. Mrs. Deffenback is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Semler of Dayton spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Semler of Wright Avenue.

At the euchre party given at K. of

P. Hall by the Pythian Sisters, Mrs. Ben Herr, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Charles Hoke and Mr. Harris won the prizes.

Quite a few attended the opening game of the Gem City League from Osborn Sunday afternoon at the Fairgrounds. Unfortunately the Dayton Gymns were defeated by Niehaus and Bohse with a score of 38 to 15. The Osborn players on the Dayton Gymns were Sellars, Mason, Baker and Schauers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Hershel Isenrager, Dayton, stock-keeper and Charlotte Becker, 129 North Galloway Street, Xenia. Rev. W. H. Tilford.

SCHNEIDER CASE TO BE TRIED IN COMMON PLEAS COURT ROOM

Jury trial of Marshal William A. Schneider, Osborn, on an affidavit filed by Constable Sidney M. Cornelius, Bath Township for resisting an officer, set for Friday morning, will be heard in Common Pleas Court because of limited seating room in Probate Court.

bate, it is announced by Judge S. C. Wright.

Sixty-two witnesses have been subpoenaed by the state and defense and the trial is expected to last at least two days.

Marshal Schneider is charged by Constable Cornelius with resisting his attempt to arrest two men in Osborn election day, November 3, for liquor law violations. Another case against the marshal for alleged threatening to assault the same day is pending in Probate Court but no trial date has been fixed.

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Youthful Pluck



George Davidson, 20, Omaha, Neb., delivers papers mornings and clerks in a popcorn stand at night to support his wife and two children while he completes his high school course. Then he's going to work his way through university. The family is shown.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 17 — Is all of America's youth jazz-mad? Consider the daily schedule of George Davidson, 20, of Omaha.

4:30 a.m., rise and deliver papers.

7:30 a.m., hurries home to breakfast.

8:00 a.m., to high school.

4:00 p.m., to work, clerking at popcorn stand.

Midnight, through work.

1 a.m., retire for the night.

This is the seven-day a week of schedule that Davidson follows month after month, getting three and half hours of sleep a night.

Two years ago he and his wife, high school students of Edgemont, D. married, although "most people said we were too young," says Davidson.

Now they have two children, Donald and Elaine, 10 months old. Convinced that the only way to get ahead was to educate himself, Davidson, soon after coming to Omaha, returned to high school to finish.

His paper route has grown rapidly under his careful care, bringing a worthwhile income and his popcorn

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By NORMAN E. BROWN

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In fact the raspberries were so

plentiful that Baker felt them at the entrance gate.

For years Alexander had been the mainstay of the team—the "Walter Johnson of the Phils." He had won 30 games and lost but 13 for the Phils in 1917. The preceding year he had also won 33 games and lost but 12. The year before that 31 had been his

number of victories.

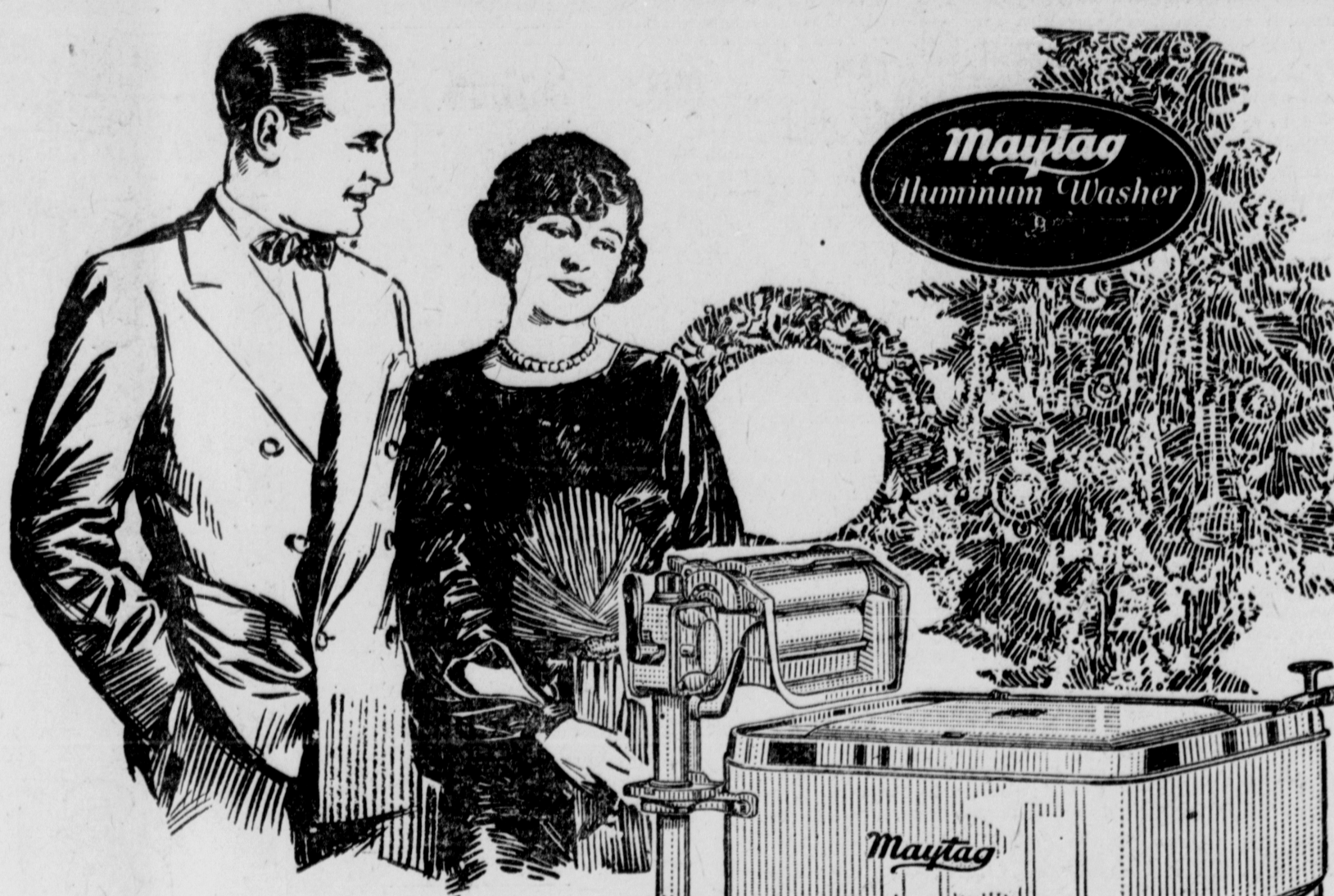
Ninety-four victories in three years and then sold. Oh, what a howl!

Now Offers Another Pair.

Now Baker is tempting fate again, but in a lesser measure perhaps, by wanting to sell another battery—the best one he has. He has let it be known that Pitcher Jimmy Ring and

Catcher Bill Hellin Henline can be bought or acquired in a suitable trade.

Just how popular such a deal would be with Philly fans remains to be seen. Ring has won considerable popularity and enjoyed fair success in Philadelphia, whence he went from the Cincinnati Reds in the winter of 1920 in exchange for Eppa Rixey.



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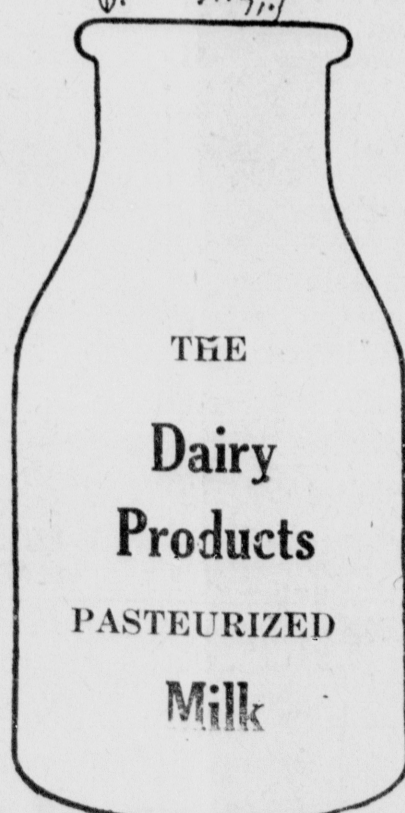
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MYSTERY CAVE IS AWAITING NERVY EXPLORERS

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 17.—Its sombre shadows and eerie beauty hidden far below the surface of the earth, Carlsbad cavern, "The Bat Cave," near Carlsbad, considered larger by many times than the world-famed Mammoth cave of Kentucky, today invites adventurous souls to explore its as yet uncharted depths.

Mystery abounds at every turn of the winding passage ways of this immense cavern. Each nook and crevice breathes forth an uncanny air from gloomy depths. Men who have spent their lives in its dim recesses declare they know nothing of it beyond that which may be seen by the casual tourist observer.

A tiny stream, twisting its way through the dark and unexplored depths below the main floor of the cavern, may hold the cave's secret. It starts nowhere and ends in an unknown spot, but the bodies of men drowned in its murky depths have been found floating on the serene surface of the Pecos river, south of the city of Carlsbad.

Millions of bats inhabit the cave. They darken the skies for miles around morning and evening as they enter or leave, thus earning the cavern its local sobriquet of "The Bat Cave." A congressional order of 1907 designated the west wing of the mammoth cave as a national monument. Searchlights fail to show ceiling.

Hundreds of feet below the narrow opening, the main floor of the cavern levels off and is lost in the vast reaches of a subterranean world. Below this main floor, which is approximately 700 feet from the surface, are other floors, some of which have been explored to a depth of 200 or 300 feet, but beyond which limit no man yet has gone.

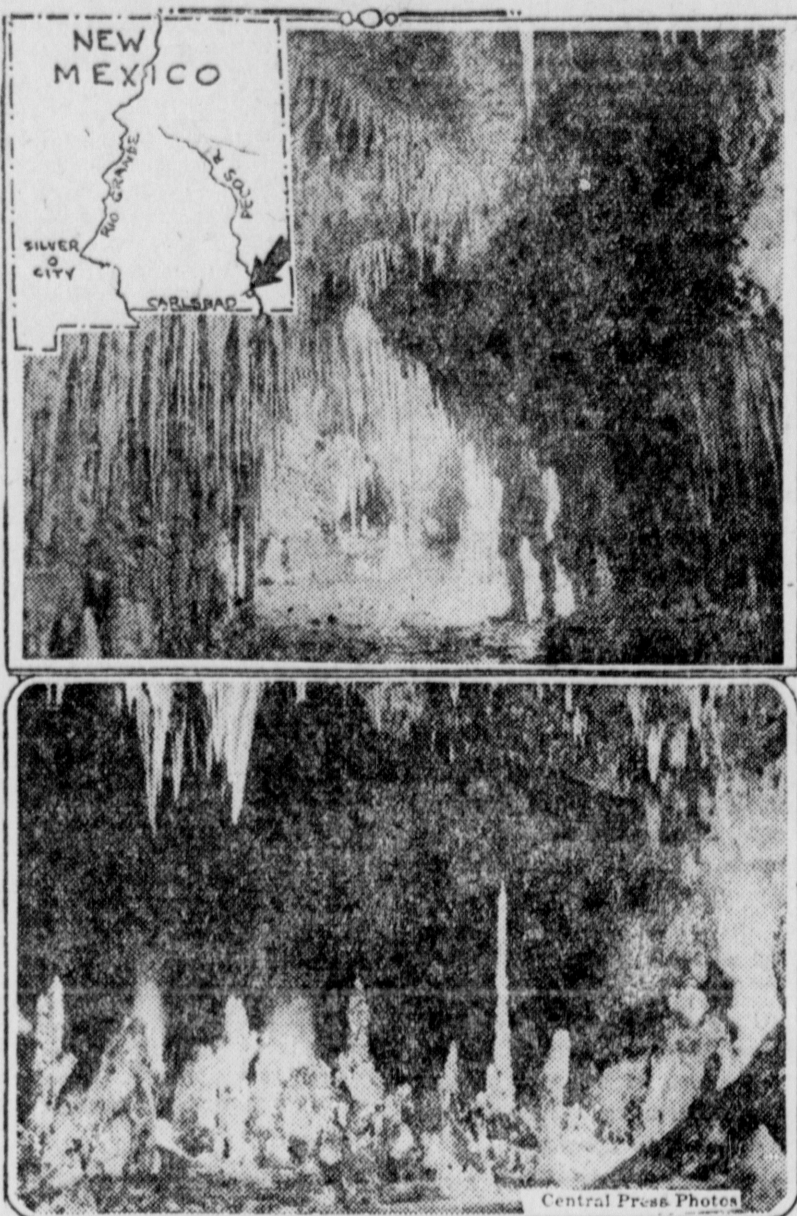
Dozens of huge rooms, with their Stygian darkness defying the powerful rays of a modern searchlight, invite the explorer's adventurous senses. In some of these huge chambers the searchlight's rays refuse to reveal the ceiling, while in others the light rays are reflected faintly from the glistening mineral formation suspended from the roof.

Gleaming stalagmites and glittering stalactites shimmer and shine under the rays of visitors' torches as the dim corners of the cavern are revealed by the flickering lights. Thousands of mineral formations which never have been seen before have been discovered on the main floor of the cave.

Geologists estimate the age of these formations at from 300,000 to 600,000 years, while some believe they are more than a million years old.

Some of these formations defy description. There are the "Twin Domes," shaggy, wet slimy mineral deposits, which tower more than 150 feet from the floor of one of the rooms. Lily pads, which are the same as those found in the Biscuit springs in Yellowstone Park, cover the floors of other rooms, while onyx columns of curtain-folds of rock hang from walls and ceilings.

Bats in East Wing
"Crow's Nest" formations, masses of slender stalactites which break at the slightest touch; coral-like groups which have been fashioned by nature into grotesque and odd forms until they have been named "Soldiers on Parade," "The Elephant's Ear," "Porcupine Walls," "Chandelier of a Thousand Pendants," so named because of thousands of tiny formations which hang attached to the mass, and dozens of other unique figures rise as



Two interior views of "Bat Cave" and a map showing its location. Top, the "ice chamber." Bottom, some of nature's totem poles.

sentinels in the gloomy nooks and corners of the underground world.

Three hundred feet from the tunnel's opening, the huge passageway begins. And, as the dim figures of the underworld rise, weird and mysterious into the dismal gloom, the enormity of the cavern is borne in upon visitors. Slowly the high arches of the passageway's roof loom into the hazy darkness and the twisting passage stretches away before one's feet.

In the east wing of the cave are the bats. Countless numbers of them roost there, with tiny claws hooked into niches in the rocky walls. The scenic portion is in the west wing, which extends for several miles through the bowels of the hill.

Accurate information concerning the cave is almost unobtainable. Few measurements have been made in its sombre depths and the guide's imagination has been "stretched" until one foot grows to ten feet and ten feet grows to 100 feet under his ever-ready tongue.

Onyx Walls
A half mile from the foot of the shaft entrance the west wing of the National Monument is entered. Gradually descending, the route twists and winds through the cavern. For nearly a mile the passageway leads through rock with walls within 100 feet of each other at times and hundreds of feet apart in other places.

wide. Side trips reveal alcoves which run hundreds of feet back from the walls, but which have not yet been traversed.

Ornate decorations hang from every wall and mammoth stalagmites rise from the floor as monuments in a churchyard. One group, the "Totem Poles," tower 50 to 60 feet into the air. Others, resembling icy blocks, sit squat and dismal on the floor. Sparkling and glittering as the torch rays fall upon them, the Twin Domes shine out in one corner of the Big Room. Dark green mounds, the two pillars rise into the air with hundreds of niches reflecting thousands of twinkling dots from the glow of torches.

Toadstools, of concentric rings of onyx, rise sedately from the Big Room's floor. These sheets of onyx

are from one to two feet wide and rest on strong pedestals built by the dripping waters of prehistoric times.

Almost at the end of the Big Room is a small opening in the floor. At this point, knowledge ceases and uncertainty begins. The guide once was lowered 200 feet through this hole and found other chambers with a turbulent stream tossing its way through the underground channel.

At the end of the Big Room, the floor drops away from beneath the visitor's feet. A huge depression, 100 feet deep and 200 feet across, yawns open-mouthed. Here the pathway ends. No man yet has ventured into this sunken portion of the underground chambers.

And returned to tell the tale of his discoveries.

NAVY DEVELOPMENTS BLOCKED ALLEGED

Washington, Dec. 17.—A decision of Comptroller-General McCarl that the appropriations of the Bureau of Ordnance could not be used to purchase patents and patent rights is detrimental to the national security and defense, Rear Admiral C. C. Bloch, Chief of the Bureau, told Secretary Wilbur in his annual report today.

"For many years it has been the practice of this bureau to purchase patents and patent rights from its general appropriations," Bloch declared.

"The changing of this policy of acquisition of the sole or limited use of the newest improvements in the equipment of vessels for the Navy appears to be detrimental to the national security and defense."

"Without the availability of some funds for this purpose the military advantages afforded by the sole ownership or control of essentially military designs or patents are lost to the Navy. The North Sea mine barrage could not have been laid without such availability, nor could secrecy in regard to many new developments be maintained."

Bloch recommended that steps be taken to have the appropriation act changed to make such procurement of patents and patent rights possible.

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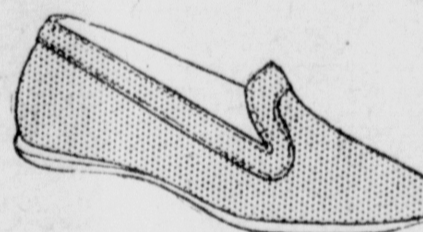


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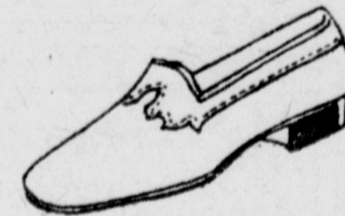
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PROPHETIC SKYSCRAPERS



THE New World has ever been a violator of tradition. From the day upon which Columbus began his first westward voyage to secure support for a thesis which was probably the world's most epochal violation of tradition, America has seldom done the expected thing. This disregard of tradition has ever obtruded as an evidence of disrespect for worth-while conventionalities, however. Rather, it has followed always the course of necessity and progressiveness, untrammelled by blind and sentimental adherence to custom.

Take, for instance, the skyline of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, or any of the large cities of the United States. Tradition had no part in their building. They were necessary, and presto—they appeared, their spires and towers pointing like prophetic fingers skyward, themselves a new chapter in the world's architecture, and showing the way to still other chapters yet unwritten.

Contribution to Architecture
Architecture had its origin in the endeavors of man to provide for his physical wants and needs. Egypt, Rome, Greece, India, Spain, Germany, France—in fact, the whole of the Old World civilization developed architectural forms and designs which evolved into the classics of architecture—buildings useful or beautiful, or both. Each of the Old World types became a precedent in architecture destined to influence civilization for centuries.

But for the skyscraper there was no precedent, unless the unsuccessful tower of Babel should rise up out of the ashes of antiquity to claim such a distinction. The skyscraper is distinctly the gift of the United States to architecture. And the full richness of the gift is still to be revealed, for it has by-products of enormous potentiality.

The necessity out of which the skyscraper was born also furnished the stimulation for the three inventions that made tall buildings possible—steel skeleton construction, the power elevator and the hollow tile flat arch floor.

Fifty Years Ago

Half a century ago "skyscrapers" towered four to six stories above the streets, and the first nine-story building was a distinct milestone. It was in this first nine-story building that crude passenger elevators were tried out in 1870. Prior to this time, however, cast iron was gaining a foothold as a building material, the first cast iron columns making their appearance early in the century. In the early seventies the cast iron frame type of building reached its zenith, the store at Broadway and Ninth now occupied by Wanamaker's being one of the largest of that type. "I" beams made their appearance about 1860, and with their introduction, the development of cast iron columns, and the introduction of the passenger elevator, the skyscraper germ was working in earnest.

"Cage Type" Structures
The skyscraper as it is known today did not jump abruptly from the solid masonry type of structure, with foundation walls of great thickness, which gradually decreased toward the top as the load decreased. There was an intermediate stage, known as "cage" construction, in which floors were supported by an iron or steel cage independent of the walls. It was thus possible to build up the walls outside the "cage" much thinner than in the old type of building, as they had only their own weight to support. This permitted of a great economy of space, a factor which had become of prime importance by reason of the enormous increase in city real estate values.

The widely known World Building, in New York, with its famous golden dome was one of the early cage type buildings, but not the first. The pioneer was the Home Insurance Building, in Chicago, a ten-story structure erected in 1883. New York's first real skyscraper was not built until 1889, when the eleven-story Tower building was erected at 50 Broadway.

The Changing Skyline
New York's skyline was broken in 1897 by the American Surety Building, with its twenty-one stories rising 312 feet above the street. It enjoyed this rare altitude in lone grandeur until it was outreached by the Park Row building with twenty-six stories.

towering structures in this country. How well this expression was given heroic being is attested by the vast numbers of Old World architects and artists who have come to American cities to study the new building art.

Buildings That Are Cities

These skyscrapers are often veritable cities in themselves. Take, for instance, the two mentioned above. The Woolworth building, with its fifty-eight stories, has a floor space of 550,000 square feet and, due to the manner in which it is divided, has about 14,000 tenants. The Equitable building, which is undoubtedly the largest office building in the world, houses 12,000 tenants in its 1,237,000 square feet. The Union Trust building in Cleveland with a floor space of 1,173,000 square feet, is the second largest office building.

If creative beauty had full sway in the building of cities, every congested center would be a veritable fairyland. But the tall building must pay! This question of building for profit is getting constant consideration from the National Association of Building Owners and Managers, and from investors, bankers, corporations and engineers. Even this quest of profitable return acknowledges, however, the sound value of beauty as an investment. Often a builder goes still further, and expends considerable sums in features that cannot possibly be productive of revenue. Call it altruism, self-ad-

Skeleton construction proved to be the most startling of all tall building developments, at least to the average man on the street. The steel frame started skyward, tier upon tier, the riveters hammering together the fabricated members from perches high in the air. Suddenly, one day, stonework or brickwork walls would begin to appear, perhaps half-way up the frame, with nothing below except the steel framework. It was almost like starting a building at the roof, in the eyes of the bewildered onlookers. It was obvious now, that the thick foundation wall had gone its way, and that the height of buildings was to be limited only by consideration of health and safety. High land values were justified, and compactness of business districts was assured.

Speedier Construction

Steel skeleton construction brought with it a greater erection speed which has proved to be a very distinct advantage. Structural steel members, fabricated before being brought to the job, go up like magic, according to the architect's design.

Skyscraper construction had more than its bare utility and economy to commend it, however, even in its early stages. The architectural monstrosities of the seventies and eighties, and the early nineties began to be replaced with buildings having more of symmetry and architectural simplicity. The skyscraper became, in fact, a distinct contribution to architecture, individual to a high degree, yet happily combining beauty of design with the maximum of utility.

There are none who will suggest that the Woolworth building or the Equitable building in New York are not superb expressions of architectural beauty. They represent both the vision of the builders and the American zest for the game of creating. They are utilitarian, obviously. But utilitarianism has not been allowed to crowd out the aesthetic. The artist was given latitude to express American business of each of these, and many other

vertising, gratification of vanity or what you will—it is the results that count. And those results, painting heroic pictures against the sky, furnish an inspiration and a constant source of delight that no other work of artist or craftsman could provide.

Europe Taking Cue

Now Paris is to have a skyscraper. Other European cities are seriously considering tall buildings. Europe has been slow to adopt the American idea, however, Vienna having long held the altitude record with a building 82 feet tall. But America goes merrily on her way striking boldly into new and original designs which may yet play no mean part in the building of the cities of Europe and Asia. The Chicago Tribune building is an example of such pioneering. Height limit restrictions did not prevent the development of a structure of remark-

able beauty, despite the fact that the decorative top, which rises 140 feet above the 260 feet of main building is a concession to art only, and can earn no revenue. Incidentally, the winners of the competition for this building received an award of \$100,000 for their design.

Height Limit Legislation

Height limit legislation may prevent a duplication of the Woolworth building. Unless the entire complexion of American business changes, however, the structural steel skyscraper will continue to combine beauty and utility, and will ever reach skyward in true symbolic fashion.

In a number of cities of the United States, city planning commissions are debating this problem of what to do with the tall building. In some instances the desirability of the skyscraper is being questioned, but the economic problem of land values in congested districts cannot be ignored. Therefore, the general tendency is toward sane legislation which will permit of buildings of sufficient size to be profitably operated when the value of the site and the needs of business are taken into consideration. The main objections to the skyscraper in New York have been eliminated by the adoption of "set-back" architecture, in which the building recedes from the sidewalk line as it goes up.

Greater Steel Utility

With the increasing use of structural steel has come a corresponding progress in the usefulness of the commodity. The work being done by the American Institute of Steel Construction, composed of leading steel fabricators throughout the United States and Canada, is the most recent significant contribution to the usefulness of steel.

Since the open hearth furnace came into general use it has been generally recognized that structural steel was capable of doing more work than was being given it in engineers' specifications. Investigating the possibility for effecting appreciable economies in steel construction, the Institute determined that the basic unit stress of 16,000 pounds per square inch, which was adopted as a working stress by the mills about 1887, was entirely too low. It was determined that the old unit, adopted when steel was produced by the Bessemer process, could easily and safely be increased to 18,000 pounds, and that through a standard specification other appreciable economies could be effected without sacrificing the smallest degree of safety.

Movement Meets Favor

Such a departure from the established practice of more than thirty

years did not present the difficulties that its promulgators might have anticipated at the outset. In fact the saving of at least 12½ per cent on steel construction which the Institute's Standard Specification assured, made the launching of the Specification comparatively easy. Such cities as Los Angeles, Buffalo, New Orleans, Boston, Baltimore, Detroit, St. Louis, Washington, D. C., and many others were quick to see in it a logical development in steel construction, and wrote the Specification into their building codes. Some of the largest cities in the United States are today favorably inclined toward the Specification, and favorable action upon it is looked for in many of them during 1925.

What does this accomplishment of the Institute mean in dollars and cents? The architect of the Cleveland Board of Education has estimated that he can save the taxpayers of that city \$125,000 annually on the single item of structural steel costs for school buildings by reason of the greater usefulness of steel as developed by the Specification. Use of the Specification will mean a saving of about \$2,000,000 annually on public and private construction in Detroit. It has been estimated that in New York City, where about one-third of the structural steel tonnage of the United States is used, the Standard Specification would make possible a saving of \$1,500,000 on the present school building program alone.

Other Economies Forecast

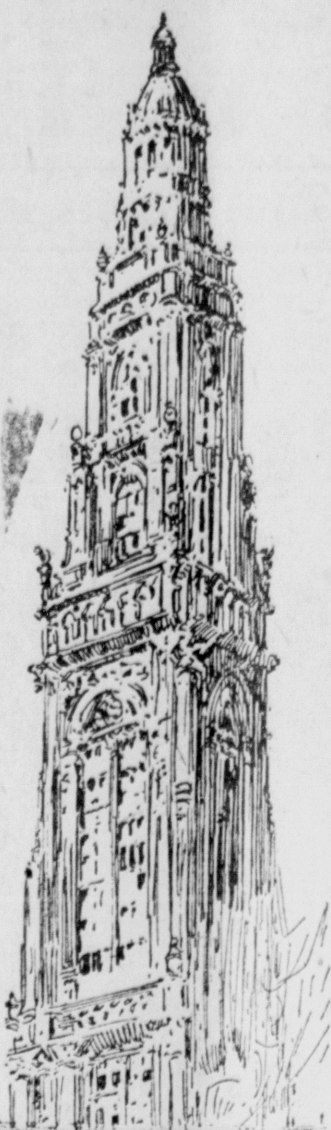
Not content with promulgation of the Standard Specification, the fabricators, working through their Institute have recently adopted the Code of Standard Practice, which is expected to work still further economies by standardizing the manner in which structural steel is bought and sold. The Code of Practice is designed to eliminate a vast amount of confusion which has existed in the relations between buyer and seller for years—and confusion is expensive in any industry.

Improved methods of fabrication, stimulation of research into the physical and chemical properties of steel, scientific study of the action of steel members under stress and many other phases of the industry are being given encouragement and consideration by the Institute. In the final analysis the public, represented by the taxpayer and the owner of the buildings in which structural steel enters, will be the principal benefactor of this activity. But everyone who has any contact with the vast scheme of making, fabricating, erecting or paying for structural steel will participate.

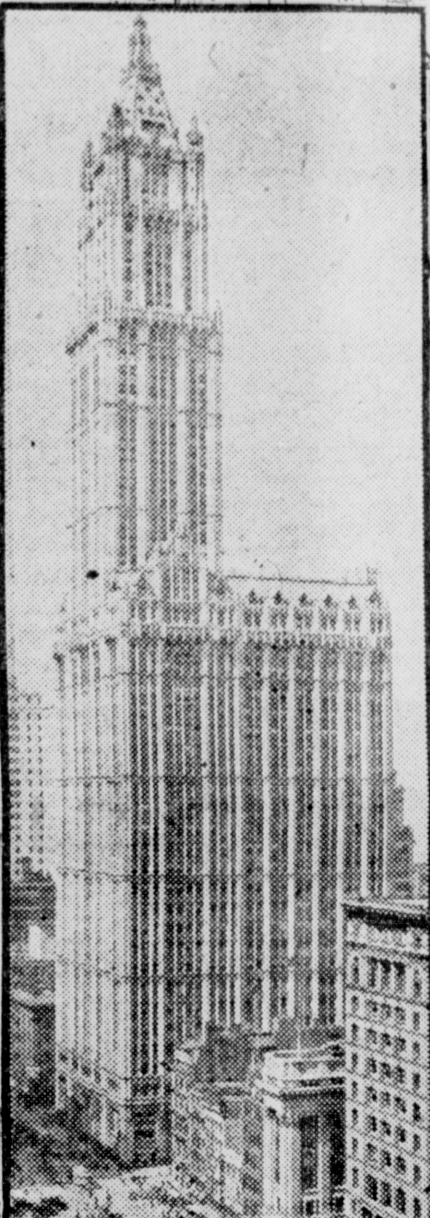
Wider Use of Steel

Structural steel is not to be considered as something appertaining solely to the skyscraper. Nor is it confined to business and industrial construction. Those in closest touch with the trend of building forecast a very extensive use of steel in residences and other small buildings within a comparatively short time. This tendency is being hastened by the increasing price of lumber and the agitation for stringent forest conservation policies. Steel joists are already attaining considerable popularity for first floors of residences and apartments. Metal lath has won an impregnable position. It is not at all improbable that the next step in residential construction may be steel frame throughout, wood being employed in the decorative portions, such as inside trim, floors, doors, blinds, and outside trim, and possibly weatherboarding where brick, concrete or stucco are not used. This does not mean that the use of wood is going to decline in the aggregate. It does point the way, however, to a means of so conserving and intelligently using wood that there will be always a supply adequate to meet every building need.

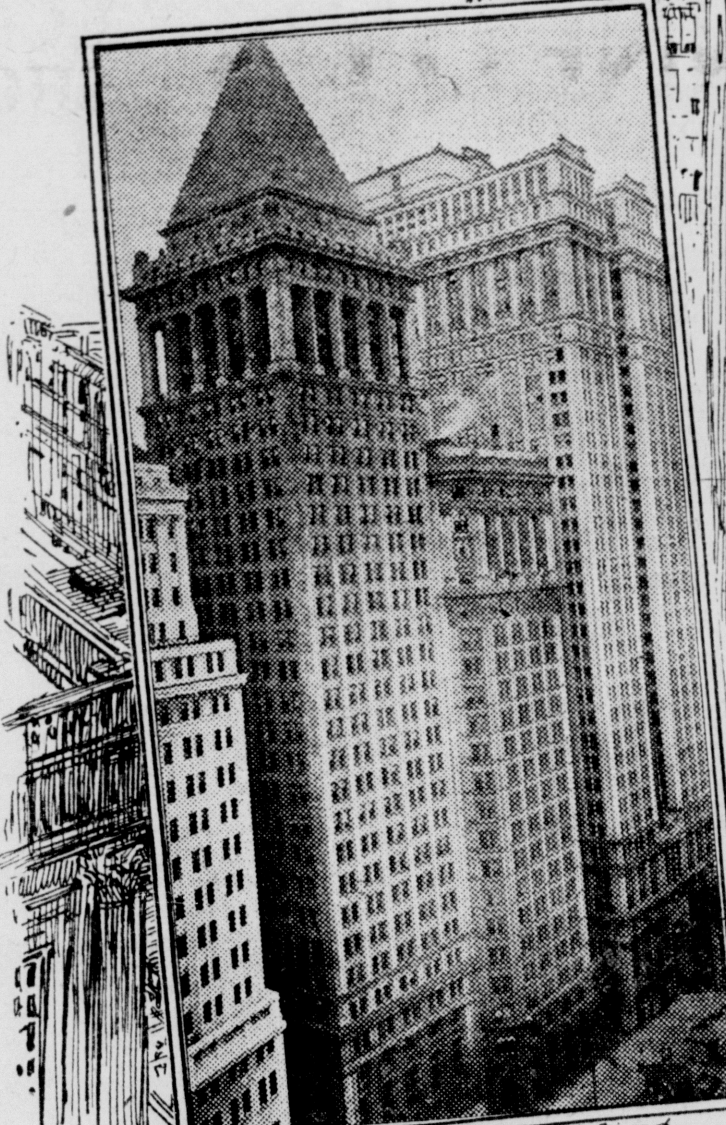
America's skyscrapers are something more than monuments to business and symbols of progress. They are prophets—forecasting less spectacular use of steel, but uses which will be directly shared by the farmer in the remotest homestead, the village dweller and the owner of the palatial city or suburban residence. The new day of steel is dawning.



Tribune Building
Chicago, one of the
Newest Skyscrapers



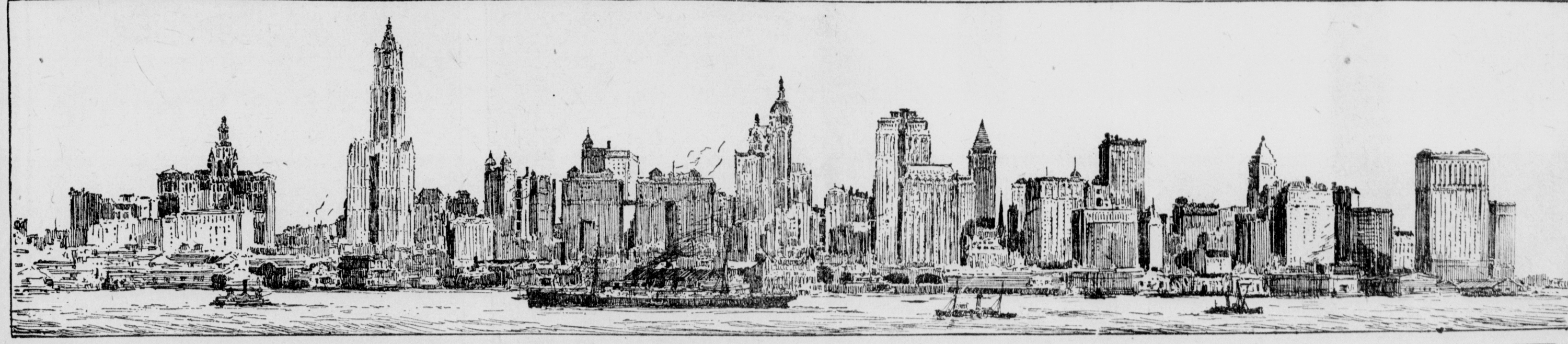
Woolworth Building
tallest occupied structure
in the World



Bankers Trust Building,
New York, in the foreground,
and Equitable Building, at right



Union Trust Company, Cleveland, O.
second largest office edifice





CAMERA NEWS



The "Babies" of Congress



S. J. Montgomery (left), representative from Oklahoma, and Robert M. LaFollette, who succeeds his father as Wisconsin senator, are the "babies" of the new congress. The youngest representative was born in December 1896; February 1895, was the natal month of "Young Bob."

Germans Full of Joy, Not Bitterness, as Their Envoys Sign This Treaty



D. Gustav Stresemann, German foreign minister, signs Locarno treaty, in London, while (right) Herr Luther, chancellor, whose name headed list of signers, looks on.

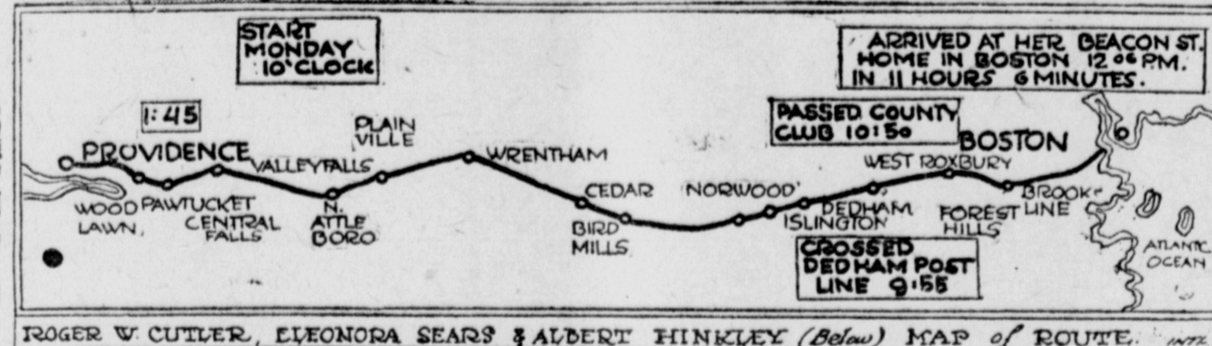
Here Is the Boss's Real Boss



NICHOLAS LONGWORTH & PAULINA

One of the best known of the younger—quite younger—Smart Set of the Capital is Miss Paulina Longworth, who is ten months old. Paulina casually dropped in on daddy Nicholas Longworth, who, when not being bossed by her, is boss of the House of Representatives.

Society Woman Tires Pacers in Record Hike



Eleanor Sears, versatile athlete of the Smart Set, walked from Providence, R. I., to Boston, forty-four miles, in eleven hours and six minutes to win a bet she could make it in less than fifteen hours. Her pacemakers found it hard to keep up with her. "I feel as fine as a fiddle," said Miss Sears when she reached her Boston home.

Turk Republic Builds Up Army



Turkish republic has abolished most of the institutions of the sultanate, but it is not neglecting the development of an army. Mustapha Kemal Pasha, president of the republic, is seen (x) reviewing Turkish forces in Anatolia. Second from left is Prime Minister Ismet Pasha, and next to him (in uniform) is Fensu Pasha, chief of staff. The soldiers are wearing the new uniforms adopted by the republic.

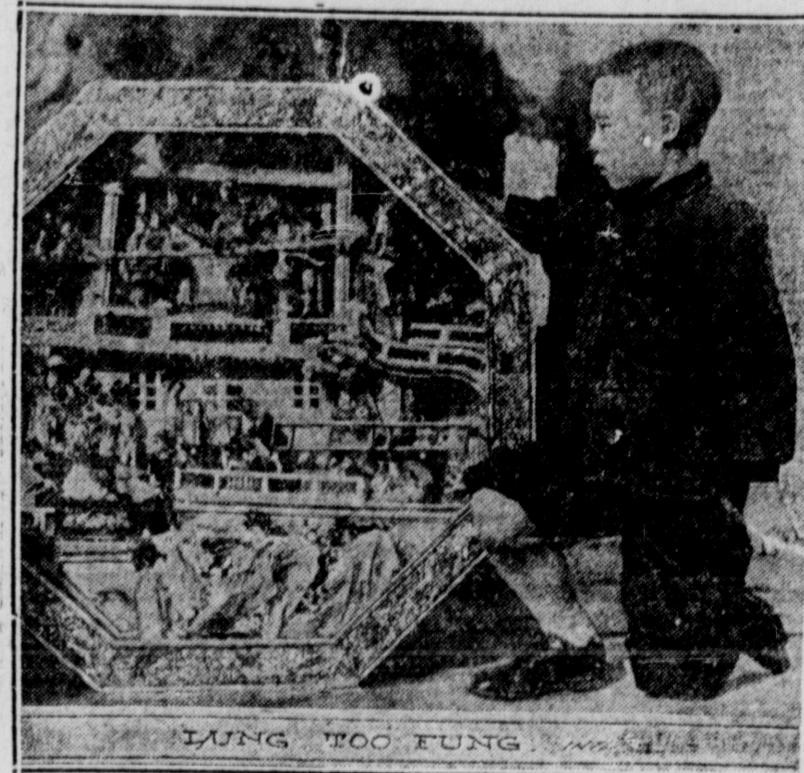
Bethlehem



BABY IN THE MANGER. INFO.

This famous wood carving of the 18th Century, depicting the Virgin with the Child, illustrates the centre group of the famous Oberammergau Crib of wood carved figures, now in the possession of Sebastian Lang, who acted the part of Annas in the Passion Play.

Theatrical Magnate at Nine



Lung Too Fung, of Boston, returned from China with this miniature mechanical theatre. By pushing a button, the actors start their mimicry. Another button starts the music and the players sing in Chinese. He plans to exhibit the contrivance to pay his way through school.

A Jolly Good Mixer



LITTLE MIXER. INFO.

This London youngster, with the mincemeat laugh, evidently has been creating a stir in London culinary circles. It looks as if he is anticipating the luscious pie he is helping to make.

Here Is the Real Cat's Meow



BABY DOROTHY DARR & SILVER KING TOM

This little bunch of sweetness is Miss Dorothy Darr, if you please. She is the youngest exhibitor at the Silver Club Cat Show in New York, where champion Silver King Tom annexed another prize.

ODDEST CENSUS LI STS DENIZENS OF SEA IS FOOD CONSERVING PLAN

Washington, Dec. 15.—The world's homing instinct of salmon by tying queerest census—that of the fisher—has been started by the United States Bureau of Fisheries as a part of the Campaign of Secretary of Commerce Hoover to conserve maritime natural food resources.

From the leviathan whale, black and ponderous, the lightning speeding salmon, is found the scope of the Government's census of the ocean's population.

The census taker of the sea is inquiring into the age, the habits, the home and the many other details of fish life as does the agent from the United States Bureau of Census who checks up on the human population of the country.

At first sight this census may seem a waste of money, or a proper study for the biologist or scientist, rather than the Government but officials have discovered that an accurate knowledge of fish is paramount to the conservation and stimulation of this great food resource and that fish study is one which will yield a thousand per cent interest in the end to humanity.

The fish census taker is also a tagger. The Bureau of Fisheries, according to Lewis Radcliffe, deputy commissioner of the bureau, is tagging salmon and halibut of the Pacific Coast; cod, haddock, pollock and mackerel in the North Atlantic; blue crabs in Chesapeake bay, and millet in the South Atlantic and Gulf States waters.

"Each species," Radcliffe said, "is the basis for a highly important commercial fishery."

"For example, our annual catch of salmon is about 475,000,000 pounds, and of other species 325,000,000 pounds. As illustrative of the scale of tagging operations, approximately 25,000 salmon and in excess of 30,000 cod, haddock, pollock and mackerel have been made to serve Uncle Sam's scientific messengers."

Pointing out that automobiles, dogs, birds and even babies are tagged, and that a census is taken of timber, hogs and cattle, Radcliffe explained the similar necessity for fish tagging. Counting salmon is a common practice in the West. Radcliffe showed how racks are constructed to check up on the salmon movements on their journeys to the spawning beds.

"In this manner," he said, "it has been possible to determine how many fish should be freed for a proper seeding of the spawning beds. Having determined this fact, the rest of the fish may be used for canning."

By tagging salmon it has been found that one particular fish, tagged on the Shumagin Islands, off Alaska, was recaptured about six weeks later in one of the rivers of Kamohatka, Siberia, having traveled about 1,300 miles at the rate of thirty miles a day.

Fish tagging is of ancient origin, having been mentioned in the works of Izaak Walton in 1653. Walton describes observations made on the

"The returns tell the scientist whether the fish is a stay-at-home or where it spends its Winters and Summers. They disclose how fast the fish grows, when it matures, whether it is an urbanite accustomed to living in association of its kind or to seek out a solitary existence."

PRE-DEATH DONATION CONSTITUTES WILL

Columbus, O., Dec. 17.—The supreme court today ruled that an oral agreement transferring property before death constitutes a will upon the death of the owner, if such is witnessed by an attorney.

The court made the decision in overruling the motion of Minnie Gertz, administratrix, for an order directing the court of appeals of Mercer County to certify its record, in the case against Henrietta Varwig, Celina.

Clerks to Fete Girl Who Induced Los Angeles to Do Shopping Early



Grateful store clerks of Los Angeles are planning to give a banquet to Betty Beverley, who has waged a "Do Your Christmas Shopping Early" campaign so successfully that Christmas trade, merchants say, is two weeks ahead of schedule. Betty got the necessary vim while doing her shopping for 42 Christmas presents late last year.



WINTER OUTSIDE SUMMER INSIDE

The kiddies can watch for the coming of Santa Claus in perfect comfort and security if your house is heated with

Stout Block Coal

High in heat units, low in ash, free from clinkers. The perfect coal for all heating purposes.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME

an order of coal for some needy family would be a manifestation of the true Christmas spirit.

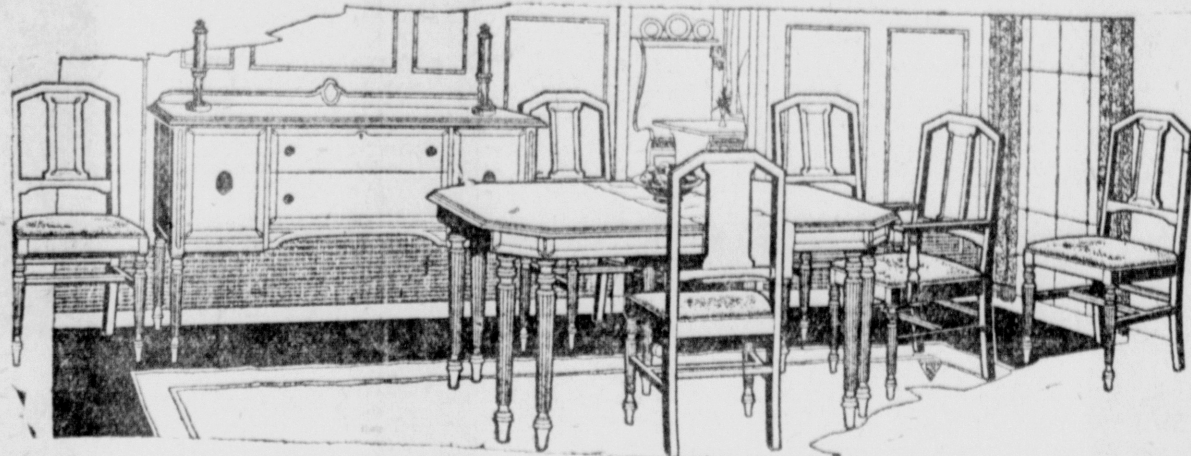
The
Stout Coal Co

Home Avenue

Let Credit
help fill your stocking.
Make your payments next year
after the stress of
the Xmas season is
over.

Don't Delay

Your selection of presents should be made at once. In many lines we have received a new shipment of goods especially for the "last week" shopper.



Fine Dining Room Suite

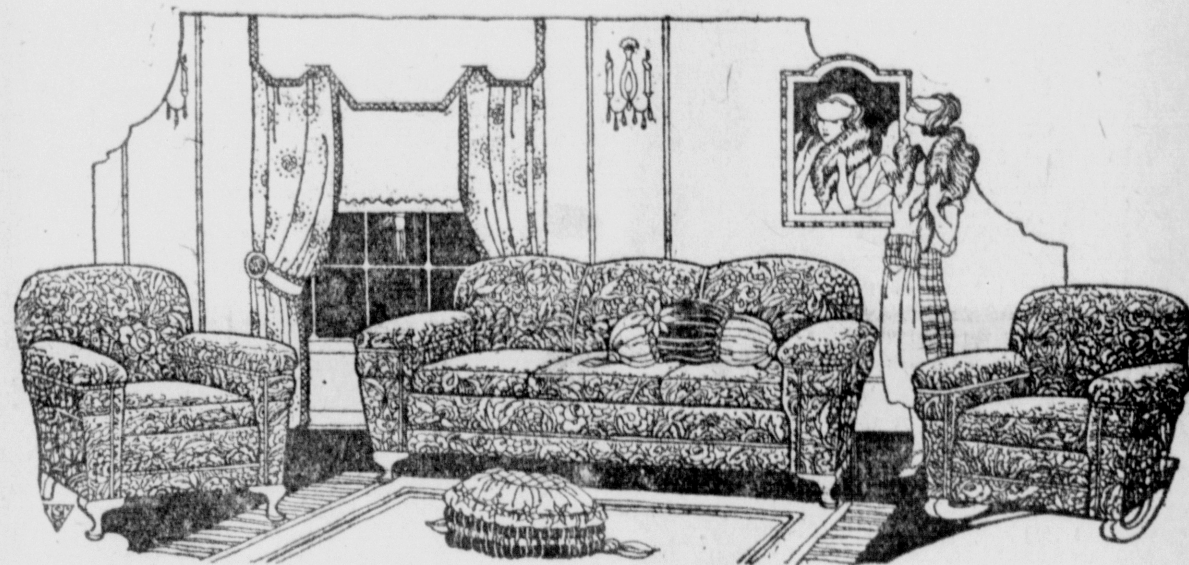
\$205.00 Value
Xmas Price \$170.00

Consists of large massive buffet, 8 ft. oblong table, 5 straight chairs and one hosts chair. The quality is exceptionally good.

3 Piece Over- stuffed Suites

As Low As \$117.50

Where can you find such values! These suites are not of the flimsy kind usually sold at some such price as the above, but if you will come in, we will convince you that the construction is absolutely right. In fact is guaranteed by us and the manufacturer.

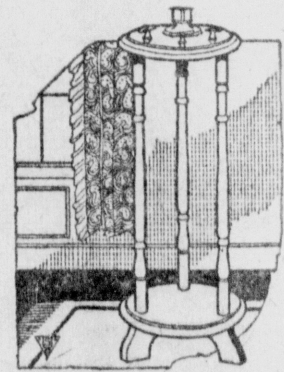


Lamps for Christmas

This is the place to find new lamps.
All kinds! All prices!

Giver Her

A Hoover Suction
Sweeper and you
give her the best.



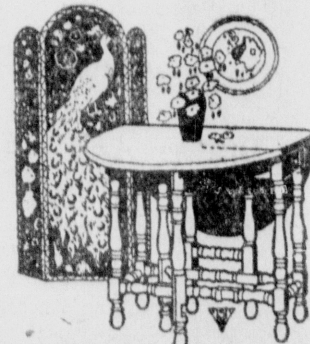
BEAUTIFUL SMOKING
CABINETS

\$5.00 and up



WINDSOR CHAIRS

\$5.00 and up



GATELEG TABLES

\$16.50 and up



TEA CARTS

\$21.50

Galloway & Cherry

SHOPPING PROBLEM ONLY FUN FOR THOSE WHO BUY EARLY IN XENIA

Many problems are yearly faced by the American people including international, national, state, city and domestic difficulties but just as sure, not as important, the problem upmost in the minds of all, and overshadowing everything else in December, is the Christmas shopping problem.

There are presents of every kind, type and description available at local retail stores for the shopper—a gift for the kid sister, toys for the youngsters and some suitable gift for every member of the family, relatives and sweethearts.

The heady shoppers are completing their list of purchases now during the busy season. As Christmas rolls around once more this year it is again found that Christmas shopping is all the rage specially at night when stores are closed, all the pretties are on display in the brightly decorated windows. Dad is home from work and mother is through with the housework after cleaning up the supper dishes.

Then maybe a neighbor calls up who is similarly at leisure and the families drive to the business section of the city to lay plans for purchases from Christmas displays, free from the hurry and rush of mid-day business.

Merchants have been careful to put a good representation of their stock in the windows and to attract Christmas trade. It is shown in this way to best advantage. Of course, to place something of each line of goods in the show windows would be impossible and shoppers must necessarily go inside to get a better look. All merchandise can be closely inspected with the exception of the most valuable jewelry.

Xenia's business section is taking on a decided holiday attire and most of the Christmas displays are already in place.

Postmaster C. S. Frazer can attest to the fact that Santa Claus is busy man these days and the volume of holiday mail matter being received at the Xenia Post Office is greater at this period than the corresponding period last year, he says.

Santa's multitude of followers and children who believe in him are literally deluging the old boy with letters containing their gift desires. City and rural mail carriers say that about every street corner mail box contains at least several messages addressed in a child's uncertain hand

to Santa, Kris Kringle and the old fellow's many other aliases at every collection. Xenia's juvenile population is not worrying about Santa arriving late this year for the be-whiskered boy paid a pre-season visit to this city just the other day accompanied by his four reindeer.

NEW BURLINGTON

Blanche, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephens has been

confined to her bed the past week with illness.

A son was born Sunday, December 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Herman. Frank Stanley and family entertained Sunday their sons Howard Stanley and family of Kingman and Robert Stanley and family of Beechgrove.

The Friends Sabbath School will give a Christmas program at the Sabbath School hour, Sunday morning, December 20, following this Prof. Watson of Wilmington College will speak.

The funeral of Mrs. Amy Lumpkin was very largely attended Thursday afternoon. The services were in charge of Rev. W. E. Bogan and Rev. Jesse Hawkins. Burial was made at Spring Valley Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Bogan and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Ervan Bo-

gan and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Compton.

Frank Stanfield of Canada is visiting his brother, Samuel Stanfield also at the home of his cousins, Mr. William McCray and Miss Mattie Stiles.

Mr. and Mrs. Supinger of Dayton were guests over Sunday of his mother, west of town.

Russell Lumpkin and wife of Wilmington moved last week in the home with his brother Edward Lumpkin.

Lawrence Lumpkin, who has been employed at Cincinnati, is at his home here.

An entertainment will be given by the M. E. Sabbath School on Wednesday evening, December 23 and the school will give their Christmas program on Thursday evening, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wisecup and family entertained Sunday their friends, Charles Marshall, Mrs. Emily Hall and daughter Marjorie and son, Everett of Xenia and Mr. and Mrs. Hite of this place.

BILL-PUT-IT-OFF IS GLAD CHRISTMAS IS ONLY ONCE A YEAR

"Gee, I wish Christmas would come oftener, instead of just once every year."

It would be against all laws of human nature if the kids didn't breath those words some time or other, especially after Santa Claus had favored them with something they particularly wanted.

But stop to think a minute. If Christmas came fifty-two times a year we would all be winding our way "over the hill." Then too if there were too many days of Christmas the number of gifts would be fewer, and that would take all the joy out of it.

But with all the bother and trouble

of hurrying to shop we couldn't give it up for the world. There is always something fascinating in picking out presents, buying the tree, decorating it and packing gifts for friends, relatives and dear ones in holly boxes.

Then on Christmas day to hear the shrill cries of the little children as they rush from their rooms, awakening dad and mother from their slumber, to see what Old Santa has in store for them in their stockings.

There is so much said about early Christmas shopping every year, year in and year out, and since everyone knows that the shopping must be done sooner or later, it is sometimes difficult to believe a majority of people always make it "later" like "Bill-put-it-off."

Everyone knows that now is the time to shop before the last minute rush, before all the good things are gone and all the merchandise is picked over and the best sold. Christmas means so much to those who shop now so why wait. Everything that

money can buy is before you in this special Christmas edition of The Evening Gazette and Morning Republican.

You simply can't go wrong in choosing from this marvelous selection of presents. It is the early bird that catches the worm and to delay now reduces the selection and limits the number of days.

So take a careful glance at these pages of Christmas gift suggestions, choose wisely what articles you most desire and patronize Xenia's leading merchants while the time is ripe.

INSIST UPON

KEMP'S BALSAM

for that COUGH!

"Eat Hearty, Bo," Says "Mr. Zero"



Urban Ledoux is on the job again feeding homeless men in New York. For a lone nickel he gives the men as much as their appetite demands. Those without the five cents are fed as much as they need.

Useful Gifts at THE WINCHESTER STORE

GIFTS OF UTILITY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY. LOOK OVER THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIVE LISTS. MANY MORE. STORE OPEN EACH EVENING BEFORE XMAS.

For Mother

- Carving Sets
- Shears
- Pyrex Ware
- Coleman Lamp
- Kitchen Scale
- Kitchen Cutlery
- Electric Iron
- Knife Sharpener
- Percolators
- Tea Kettles
- Dinnerware
- Roasters
- Fancy Baskets
- Household Brushes
- Electric Cookers
- Refrigerators

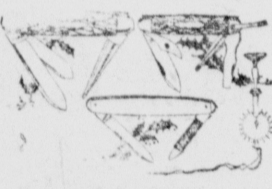


For Father

- Pocket Knives
- Razors
- Razor Straps
- Tools
- Wrench Sets
- Shotguns
- Rifles
- Coleman Lanterns
- Mail Boxes
- Thermometers
- Thermos Kits
- Tire and Tube
- Barber Sets
- Hunting Coats

For Brother

- Air Guns
- Rifles
- Sleds
- Wagons
- Flashlights
- Scout Knives
- Binoculars
- Foot Balls



- Fishing Tackle
- Basket Ball Goods
- Scout Axes
- Tool Chests

For Sister

- Electric Curlers
- Electric Heaters
- Carafes
- Scissor Sets
- Skooters
- Pen Knives
- Roller Skates
- And Many Others

The C. L. Babb Hdwe. Store

"GIFTS OF UTILITY"

Coupons On The Willys-Knight

THE WINCHESTER STORE

Charge It

Jewelry
For The Whole
Family
On Payments

Men's Strap and Pocket
Watches in 7 to 21
Jewels.

Ladies' Watches, Elgin
and Swiss movements
7 and 15 Jewel.

Ladies' Rings, with the
latest settings.

Ladies' Diamond Rings
\$15.00 up.

Men's Ruby, Diamond
and Signet Rings.
Men's Watch Chains,
Cuff Links, Chain
Knives and Combs.

Pearl Necklaces, Com-
pacts, Bracelets.

BUY NOW
Pay Next Year



Christmas Morning

It's CHRISTMAS MORNING (bright, merry and joyous) going to have a touch of disappointment for her—it won't most assuredly if the gift of Jewelry has not been forgotten.

Jewelry was the ideal gift in the beginning—now—and always shall be. The expense of this gift has been the one obstacle standing between many a person and the happiness this gift always brings—but our Holiday Credit Plan removes this barrier now.

You can make her happy this Christmas by the gift of jewelry—the one gift that never fails to bring a full measure of Happiness—and our Credit Plan makes it possible for you to arrange payment over a period of time.

You can buy "her" happiness and pleasure on Credit—then why hesitate.

Come in and inspect our full line and let us tell you more of our Credit Plan.

BUY NOW
Pay Next Year

Jewelry on Credit Clothing

THE PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE

"Buy Now" Entire Family Pay Next Year



Men's Suits, O'Coats, Sheep-lined Coats, Leather Coats, Submarine Coats, Top Coats, Rain Coats, Lumber Jackets and Sweaters.

Boys' two pair pants Suits in wool and corduroy, Sweaters and Sheep-lined Coats.

Ladies' Suits, Coats, Dresses, Sweaters, Hosiery and Scarf Sets, Hat and Scarf to match.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS

Nothing would be more acceptable than a nice warm Blanket or Comfort for a Xmas gift. You can pay 50c weekly.

Xenia Mercantile

2nd Floor Gazette Bldg.

EAGLES TO FOLLOW ANNUAL CUSTOM OF PRESENTING GIFTS

Figuratively members of Xenia Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles will talk into the Greene County Childrens' Home and County Infirmary on the morning of Christmas Day in the role of Santa Claus to distribute annual Christmas cheer to wards of the Home and aged men and women in the infirmary.

Gifts of toys and candies and appropriate presents to infirm inmates will be distributed with funds derived from the recent Eagles' benefit picture show at the Bijou Theatre.

In distributing gifts at Christmas time, members of the local Aerie are following a custom inaugurated at the institution of the Aerie in Xenia years ago. Members presented wards of the Childrens' Home with a victrola last year.

GASOLINE GOES UP ONE CENT IN PRICE

Reflecting the recent increase in price of crude oil, the Standard Oil Company announced a general one-cent boost in the price of the gasoline per gallon, effective Thursday morning in Xenia and over the state.

Motorists filling into the Standard Oil filling stations Thursday to fill their tanks found the retail price had jumped to twenty-one cents per gallon including the two-cent gasoline tax as compared to the former price of twenty cents.

Tank wagon price of the fuel at the same time increased from eighteen to nineteen cents.

It is believed the increase will be met accordingly by other gas companies.

The boost of one cent is attributed to the strong wholesale price.

YELLOW SPRINGS

The children of the public school and Antioch Academy joined in a parade Friday afternoon and marched to the Antioch Glen where they planted evergreens. The parade down Xenia Avenue was a beautiful sight. The children wore green capes and hats, carried evergreens and sang. It is hoped the children will meet annually to plant evergreens and thereby save the larger cedars and save the beauty of the woods. President Morgan and Prof. Laist of Antioch and Mr. J. J. Crumley, state forester, gave short talks. Motion pictures of the ceremony were taken.

The many friends of Mr. T. W. Neff were shocked when the word came telling of his death Friday evening. Mr. Neff died at Inge Bonduant Sanitarium in Mobile, Alabama. He went to the sanitarium two weeks ago. Mrs. Neff was with him during his illness. He is survived by his widow, one brother, Gordon C. Neff, of Cincinnati and one sister, Mrs. Anson Lockhart of Buffalo, New York. Funeral services were held in Spring Grove Chapel, Cincinnati.

Phils Ready to Trade Jim Ring



JIMMY RING



BUTCH HENLINE

The dope is that the Phils stand ready to trade their star battery, Jimmy Ring and "Butch" Henline, in an effort to acquire infield and general offensive strength. The last time Owner Baker sold such a combination—Alexander and Killefer—he drew the wrath of the fans.

Bloody Hammer Accuses Wild Man Whose Slugger Confession Is Doubted



Central Press Photos

Story of Robert August that he is slugger who has terrorized Toledo, O., since May, assaulting nine persons, two of them fatally, is being investigated by police. There is reason to doubt his confession, because of his wild and untrue details. Four other suspects are being held. August was arrested after holding two hunters at bay with a hammer, on which there are traces of blood stains. The hammer is shown.

Monday morning with burial in Spring Grove Cemetery.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. S. W. Cox Friday afternoon. Reports of the National Convention will be given.

Miss Virginia Moorman left Wednesday for California where she will visit her aunt. Miss Moorman will be married Friday to Erwin Morrison formerly of Springfield, who is now with the U. S. Navy. They will reside in California. Miss Moorman is the daughter of Mrs. Maude Moorman of this place.

Mrs. Austin Edison, Mrs. A. B. Fligins and Miss Clara Zell spent Thursday in Dayton the guest of Mrs. Dorothy Johnston.

Miss Mary Gertrude Carr of John Hopkins Hospital arrived here Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carr. She will be here until after Christmas.

The ladies of the Library Association observed tag day on our streets Saturday. The amount collected was over one hundred dollars. The ladies used this plan to raise money to defray the expenses of the Library as they were short of funds due to the fact they held no Halloween Carnival this year.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Hermon Coe

on Limestone Street. The subject will be "Mountaineer Work." Mrs. A. C. Erbaugh is the leader.

Mrs. S. F. Weston and Mrs. D. S. Hanchett spent Thursday shopping in Dayton.

Mrs. Catherine McWhinney and niece, Mrs. McFarland of Dayton spent Saturday here with friends.

Mrs. Fairy Counts of Springfield spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Brownie Stafford.

Mr. A. C. Erbaugh, Mr. Hermon Coe, Mr. C. E. Beatty and Mr. Oliver Carrough attended the Presbytery held in Dayton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brewer and little daughter of Dayton spent Sunday with Mr. C. A. Brewer and family.

Mrs. Hartman of Los Angeles, California is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carrie Flatter.

Funeral services for W. C. Gini-van, 80, formerly of this place, who died Saturday in Dayton at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard Confer, were held at the home Monday afternoon. Burial was made in the Glen Forest Cemetery this city. Mr. Gini-van was a member of the G. A. R. Besides Mrs. Confer, he leaves another daughter, Mrs. Henry Kelsor of Springfield.

Mrs. Laura Mason of Columbus was the guest of her cousin, Mr. Ford

Kershner and family, Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Davison spent Sunday with relatives in North Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Kershner spent Monday shopping in Dayton.

The choir of the Methodist Church will give a cantata "The New Born King," Sunday evening. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. W. W. Mantle who will preside at the organ with Mrs. Davison at the piano. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come to the church and join in this Christmas service.

The vocal students from Cedarville and Antioch College who are taking voice from Prof. Talcott will be heard in a Christmas program at the Presbyterian Church Friday evening. All are cordially invited.

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CHARGES FRAUD IN SUIT TO SET ASIDE DEED OF PROPERTY

Laura Racer has filed suit in Common Pleas Court against Della Hopkins, Leander Hopkins and Lena Croathers to set aside the property deed made by her father, the late David A. Hopkins, alleging that on March 26, 1925, the defendant, Della Hopkins, by the "grossest fraudulent misrepresentation," procured their father to execute and deliver to her a warranty deed for the property.

The plaintiff claims that at the time the deed was made, Della Hopkins took her father to Cincinnati and while there induced him to make out the deed in her favor. David Hopkins was then eighty-eight years of age, was feeble-minded and wholly unable

to transact any business by reason of his mental infirmities, the petition recites. The defendant, Della Hopkins took advantage of his mental incapacity to have him convey the property to her, the plaintiff alleges.

In order to acquire the property the plaintiff claims Della Hopkins agreed with their father to furnish him a good home and care for him during the remainder of his life. He was then left without visible means of support and was taken by public authorities to the County Infirmary where he became ill and later to the McClellan Hospital where he died December 5, 1925, it is alleged.

The plaintiff asks that the deed be cancelled, the property administered by an appointed administrator, and that the remainder be divided among the heirs. Marcus Shoup is attorney for the plaintiff.

Laura Racer, plaintiff in the suit, was bound over to the grand jury several months ago from Oliver Watson's

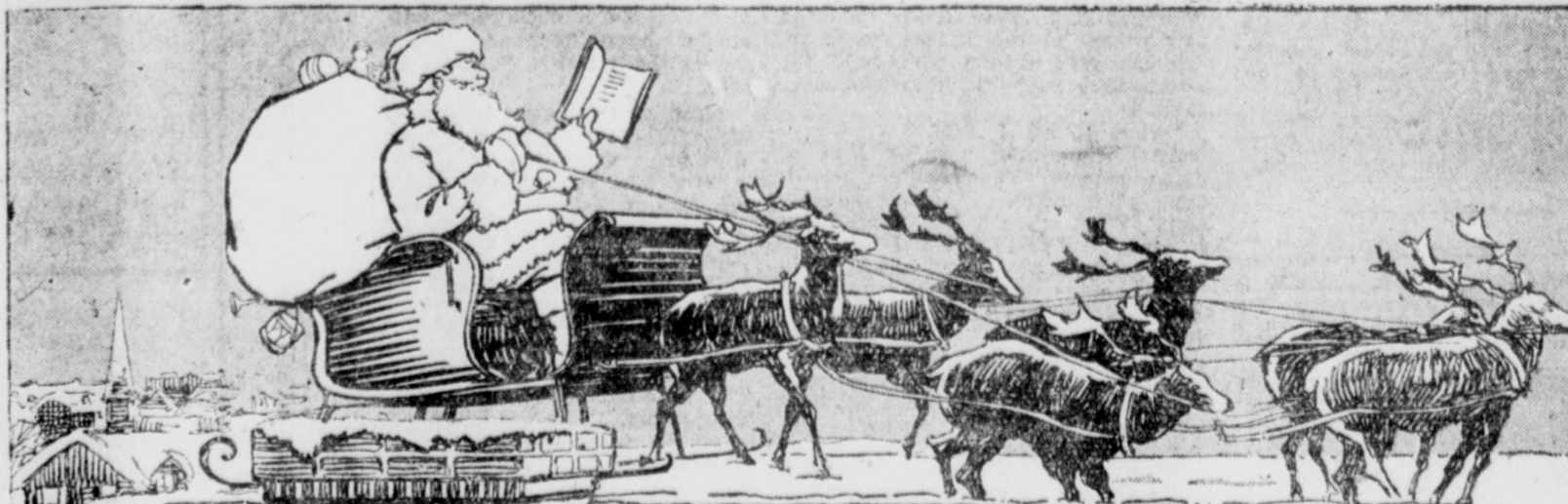
justice of the peace court in Bellbrook on a charge of non-support of her father filed by Della Hopkins, the daughter. The grand jury ignored the case.

WANTS PARTITION

Partition of real estate is asked in a suit filed in Common Pleas Court by John Cecil Aldridge and Verne Andrews against Calvin Brumfield and others and the Home Building and Savings Company. Parties to the suit are heirs to property described in the petition and ask that it be set off in severalty, the document recites. The savings company claims to hold an interest in the premises, Marshall and Marshall are attorneys for the plaintiff.

NOTE SUIT

Suit for \$25, alleged due the plaintiff on a promissory note, has been filed in Common Pleas Court by John T. Harbine Jr., against Ben Chambliss and Grace Chambliss. The plaintiff claims the note is secured by mortgage and asks for foreclosure.



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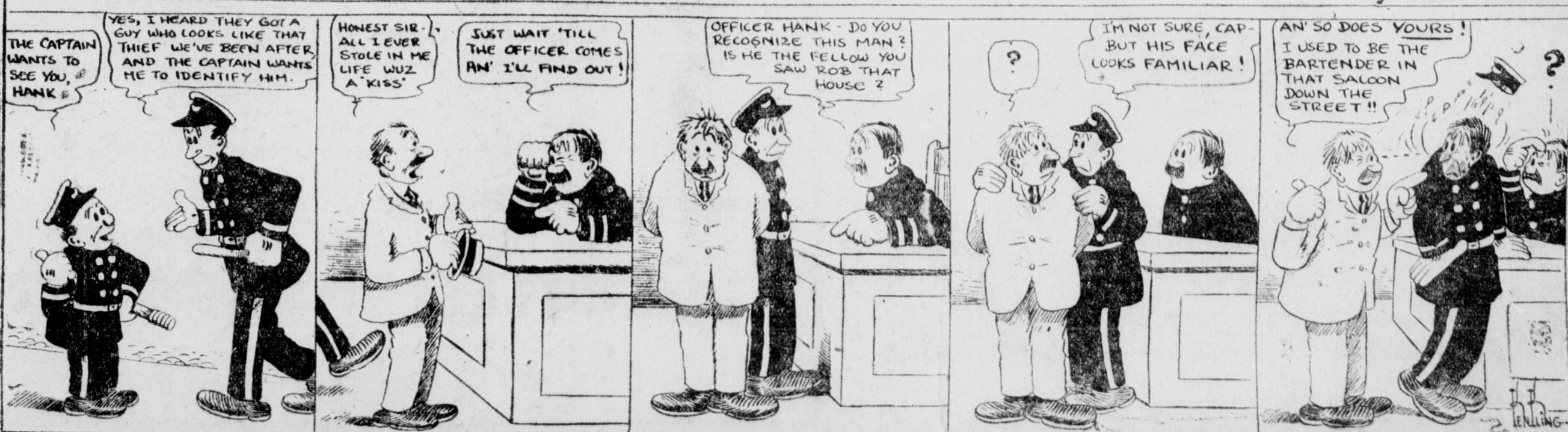
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HANK HAD NOTHING ON THIS BIRD

By KEN KLING



DENTIST OCCUPIES NEW DENTAL OFFICE NEWLY REMODELED

First dentist in Xenia to be established in his own building, is Dr. Arthur C. McCormick, who has just become settled in his new dental home at 212 N. Detroit St., Dr. McCormick bought and remodeled one of Xenia's old residences, formerly the McQuirk property, later owned by Mrs. Lily Bretney and more recently by Edward Barnett.

The attractive new offices were planned by a firm of dental experts at Rochester, N. Y., which sent a representative here to personally make an arrangement best adapted to the building. The suite consists of reception room with walls tinted in soft gray, two operating rooms with laboratory between, retiring room, sterilizing room and X-ray dark room. Old ivory was chosen as the tint for the suit aside from the reception room.

A new dental unit, latest in equipment of the operating room, has been added to the office fixtures. The spray bottles of this unit are operated by compressed air. The entire suite was planned with the object of securing the greatest efficiency and best lighting, with an artistic effect.

The upper floors and the rear of the building, have been remodeled by Dr. McCormick into living apartments.

"Miss Liberty"



Suzanne Tilden, of the Smart Set, represented the well-known young woman who adorns New York harbor, at the Magic City bazaar in Manhattan. Mrs. Coolidge opened the programme by flashing a light over the wires from the capital.

FRED C. KELLY PAUSES TO REMARK HOW TO MAKE A FORTUNE IN STOCKS

On his usual unique style, Fred C. Kelly, former Xenian and well-known author, tells details of his "astounding experience of being up to his neck in the stock-market for fourteen months without losing anything," in the current issue of The Cosmopolitan.

Kelly says it would have been a wonderful experience even if he had lost—a combination of Babes in the Woods and Alice in Wonderland—"for I had the opportunity to learn of human nature in the greatest human laboratory."

"Looking back, I marvel at how green I was," Kelly confesses. "I never even suspected that good news about a stock is likely to lower its price. Neither did I know that bad news may force prices upward. I had not yet found out definite reasons why men dabbling in stocks are far more likely to lose than to win. The important part played by vanity in stock losses was still a sealed book to me. Neither did I understand why men are inclined to sell their good securities and keep poor ones. When I saw prizes at the lowest point for the day around one o'clock in the afternoon I supposed this was mere chance."

"What a lot I didn't know! I learned that men win or lose so much because of economic conditions as because of human psychology. Why, when I had a profit on a certain stock didn't I sell it? Why did I stand by and see my profit reduced as prices went lower and lower without ever offering to sell?" Kelly questions.

"I learned that it is of no value to know that a stock in comparatively cheap unless one knows also whether it is cheap on the way up or on the way down," Kelly says.

"Having bought a list of stocks, I picked up the paper that evening fully expecting to find either that the entire list had dropped enough to wipe out my margin, or that my broker's firm had suddenly gone into bankruptcy. Instead, I found that I already had a profit of nearly \$300. 'Gracious,' I thought, 'how ridiculous for me to have engaged all these years in honest toil.' Why didn't I

PROTEST RULING AGAINST CIDER

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—Lincoln C. Andrews' ruling against the manufacture of wine or cider for home use, means loss of thousands of dollars annually to Cuyahoga County grape growers, H. A. Dooley, county agent, said today.

Grapes and apples are the two most valuable crops in the county, Dooley declared. Profits from the fruits are even greater than from the sale of the county's potato crop, Dooley said.

Dooley predicted the fruit growers of the county would join the national movement of fruit growers against the dry chief's attack.

SPRING VALLEY

Mrs. L. J. Willenburgh returned from Columbus Thursday where she was visiting friends and attending the Ohio Cannery's Banquet.

Christmas programs at the Friends Church will be given Sunday morning and at the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

Mr. Dale F. Poe of Covington, O., was the guest Saturday of Mr. Arnold Drewes.

Mr. Frank Kyne, Sr., and family moved Monday to their recently purchased home here.

Mrs. Sophia Compton and family left last week to spend a year near her old home in Iowa.

strike this sooner."

"The next day I didn't wait for the newspaper to give the day's fluctuations but called up my broker every few minutes. I was already discovering how difficult it is to have stocks on margin and think of anything else. * * * A great truth had come into my life; if I buy stocks when they're cheap and sell them after they've gone up, I make a profit."

"I wondered why I hadn't thought of that before. I also wondered why everybody doesn't do that very thing—buy at the bottom and sell at the top. To my astonishment I learned that perhaps 999 out of every 1,000 investors do precisely the opposite. The fellow who buys low and sells high is so rare as to be almost a freak."

"When prices are soaring the average man is convinced that the boom is just getting started and he begins to buy. Then, when the tide turns, he thinks the setback is only temporary and hangs on. Finally, when financial pages of newspapers are full of discouragement, and stocks have touched bottom, he thinks the worst is yet to come and sells."

"One of the keenest men in Wall Street told me that there are seldom more than two or three times in any one year when one should buy stocks."

"If I dabble in stocks again I think I'll follow the practise of a friend of mine who never buys or sells securities until stock-market news reaches the first page of his newspaper," Kelly declares.

"When prices are so low that they become a first-page news item," he tells me, "I know it is time to buy. Likewise, when prices have soared to such heights that the news can no longer content itself on the financial page, but is in headlines on page one, I know that it is prudent to sell my holdings."

Kelly says he found, to his surprise that if a speculator is of a trifle more than average intelligence he is especially likely to buy at the top and sell at the bottom. Being more intelligent than the mass—though perhaps no intelligent enough—he has more than average resistance. When prices are dangerously high he stays out of the market, that is, he stays out at first. Only after prices keep going higher, until it looks as if there can be no stopping them, is he finally lured in. By that time everybody else who could be induced to do so has bought, hence prices can go no higher. Having more resistance than the average works equally to his disadvantage in a falling market, Kelly discovered.

"I might have made far more money if I had known as I do now thoroughly undependable is advice in brokers' market letters," Kelly confesses. "After talking to those who have played the stock-market scientifically and successfully, I am convinced that the safest attitude toward tips is to reject them all. Even the good ones are bad—because you expect too much of them."

"I wondered for a time why the folk I heard at the brokers office was so largely based on misinformation. Then it dawned on me: This is our old friend the 'Will to believe.' People accept a fact not because it's true but because they hope it's true. Having once bought inferior stocks—because of lack of knowledge or judgment to buy good ones—one is almost compelled to believe in the future of such stocks. Otherwise—the situation is so unpleasant that one shrinks from facing it."

"Now, no matter how untrue a statement may be, after hearing it often enough one is inclined to believe it. Hence the danger of hanging about a broker's office and being exposed to so many seining

facts that aren't so.

"I was astonished to discover how dangerous in stock transactions is one's own personal vanity—probably the greatest single cause of stock losses. Men lose because of their unwillingness to admit that their judgment was wrong. They are re-

luctant to admit this even to themselves.

"* * * People are so optimistic by nature that they are not easily scared—not easily enough for their own good. However, once fear has been induced it works more quickly than does enthusiasm. Consequently

stock prices go down much faster than they go up!

"One of my impressions of the stock-market now that I'm out of it is that the professional stock-operator must necessarily be either unscrupulous or else so hardened to what he is doing that he has lost all sense

of human sympathy.

"Of course the game should be played only by those who can afford to lose. Those of us to whom a loss of a few hundred dollars is really vital haven't any business to be in the stock-market at all," Kelly concludes.

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